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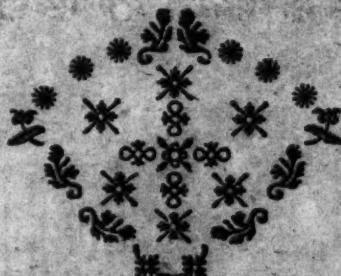
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Christian Devotions.

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*Oratio Justi Clavis est Cœli : Ascendit Preca-
tio, & descendit Dei Misericordia.*

The just Man's Prayer is the Key of
Heaven : Our Prayers ascend to GOD,
and his Mercies descend to us. *Aug.*





T H E P R E F A C E.

DEAR CHRISTIAN READER,

WE are all created to serve GOD in this World, and, by so doing, to enjoy him in the next. If we obtain that End for which we were made, we shall be eternally happy; but if we fail of it, for ever miserable. Now, as we cannot serve GOD, and consequently arrive at everlasting Happiness, without the Assistance of his Grace, so are we not able to obtain this Assistance without Prayer. He therefore who considers what it is to suffer the Torments of Hell for all Eternity, or to enjoy the Pleasures of Heaven as long as God himself enjoys them, will need but a small Invitation to the holy Exercise of Prayer, when he knows that there is no other means, either for avoiding the one, or acquiring the other.

For as much as concerns this Book, I shall only say, it is that which the Providence of Almighty GOD put into the Hands of our Ancestors to enable them to bear the Assaults of many severe Persecutions: It is that which comforted them in their Imprisonment, inspired them with Content in their Poverty, accompanied them in their Exile, and rendered them cheerful even in Death itself: It is that which likewise now and

then procured for them, at the Throne of Grace, some bright Intervals of Tranquility; and it is that which prevailed with them to spend those Hours of Peace, not in vain and transitory Pleasures, but in the Duties of a pious and sober Conversation. In a Word, it is that which led them (and will lead you too, if you make the same Use of it) thro' the Vicissitudes of this Life, to the unexchangeable Felicity of a better.

Care hath been taken in this Edition to rescue the Work from some former Errors of the Press; and to alter divers Phrases which Tract of Time, and the incident Change of Language, had rendered less proper: Whatever other Amendments have been made (if any one think it worth their while) may be seen by comparing this with the former Editions.

But, indeed, it is to be wished, that no one would open this Book, but only with an Intention of receiving some spiritual Benefit by it, taking that which serves most for his own Devotion, and leaving the rest to others, who perhaps may be more moved by that which seems dry and insipid to him. For as several Bodies are not equally pleased or nourished by the same Meats, so neither is the same spiritual Food equally agreeable or beneficial to different Souls. And it is for this Reason, that the most bountiful and provident Hand of Almighty GOD hath appointed so great a Variety of Nourishment for both. However, as the Meats destined for the Support of the Body ought all to come within the Limits of Wholesomeness, and not any Ways partake of the Nature of Poison, so likewise must our Devotions (how various soever) be all squared by the Rule of a sound Faith, having no Savour of any heterodox Opinion,

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Opinion, which is the Bane or Poison of the Soul. So that by a Variety of Devotions, which is not only lawful, but convenient, must not be understood a Variety of Religion ; since this would be to oppose the holy Scriptures, which clearly affirm, that there is but *One Faith*, Ephes. iv. 5.

What remains, dear CHRISTIANS, but that you take this MANUAL into your Hands for those Purposes for which it is put into them ; and that for all the Help you receive from it in your Piety, you would be pleased to offer up a charitable Thought to Almighty GOD, for those who have concurred to this Publication ; that whilst we labour for the Salvation of others, we may not miss of our own

Here I thought to have made an End of this Preface ; but because this Collection of Prayers may possibly meet with some Readers, who have no other Knowledge of the Catholic Religion, but what they have received from the Misrepresentation, of Ignorance or Malice, and consequently may entertain a wrong Notion concerning those Prayers which are here addressed to the blessed *Virgin*, and to the rest of the heavenly Citizens, imagining that the Catholics pay a divine Honour to the Saints and Angels ; which some, in Despite of all our Profession and Protestation to the contrary, are unreasonable enough to lay to our charge; it will not be amiss, to set down here the Catholic Doctrine concerning this Point, in the very Words of the Council of Trent, which are,

Fideles diligenter instruant, docentes eos, Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes Orationes suas pro Hominibus Deo offerre ; bonum atque utile esse suppliciter eos invocare ; et ob Beneficia impetranda a Deo per Filium ejus JESUM CHRISTUM Dominum

That the Saints, who reign with Christ, offer up to God their Prayers for Men ; that it is good and profitable to invoke them with Humility ; and to have Recourse to their Prayers, Aid, and Assistance, for the obtaining of Benefits from God, through

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nostrum, qui solus noster Redemptor et Salvator est, ad eorum Orationes, Opem, Auxiliumque confugere.

his Son JESUS CHRIST our Lord, who is our only Saviour and Redemer.

Con. Trid. Sess. 25. de Invoc. et Ven. Sanct.

By which it is most evident, that Catholics have Recourse to the Angels and Saints for no other End, and in no other Manner, than barely that these blessed Spirits may become Intercessors for them with our common Lord. Which is no more than what we desire of our Brethren here on Earth, even tho' we are ignorant whether their Lives are in Truth of such Holiness as is necessary to render their Prayers of any value. Where then are our Understandings, when we think it an Injury to Almighty GOD, to betake ourselves to his assured Friends, for their Assistance in this Manner, and none at all to make the same Application to those who, for aught we know, may be his Enemies? To conclude: I beseech our merciful Lord to hear the Prayers of his holy Saints and Angels for those who are so blind as not to desire them; and for us who, tho' we know by Faith (and even by Experience) how beneficial they are, have not that Zeal and Diligence in procuring them which we ought to have.

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For Understanding the

C A L E N D A R.

THE Saints and Festivals of the Roman Calendar are in the *Roman* Letter. Those of the *English* in the *Italian*. Such as belong to both are in *Roman* with an *E* annex'd to them, to signify their Relation to the *English*. The Holy-days of Obligation are in *Capital Letters*. Those of Devotion are marked with \dagger before them. *Ap.* signifies Apostle. *M.* Martyr. *C.* Confessor. *P.* Pope. *Abp.* Archbishop. *B.* Bishop. *Pr.* Priest. *Ab.* Abbot. *H.* Hermit. *Mo.* Monk. *K.* King. *Q.* Queen. The rest will be easily understood.

January hath xxxi Days.

A	1	CIRCUMCISION. <i>Meadwin C.</i>
b	2	<i>A thousand Martyrs at Litchf.</i>
c	3	<i>Theodoric K M.</i>
d	4	<i>Rumon B C.</i>
e	5	Telesph. P M. <i>Edward K C.</i>
f	6	EPIPHANY. <i>Peter Ab.</i>
g	7	<i>Cedda B. of London.</i>
A	8	<i>Wulfsy B. of Sherb.</i>
b	9	<i>Brithwald Abp. of Cant. Adrian Ab.</i>
c	10	<i>Sethrid Sedrido V. Abbess.</i>
d	11	<i>Hyginus P M. Duffus K M.</i>
e	12	<i>Bennet Ab.</i>
f	13	<i>Kentigern B. of Glasfow.</i>
On the Sunday following, the Feast of the most H. NAME of JESUS.		
g	14	<i>Hilary B. Felix PrM. Beuno PrC. (N. of J.</i>
A	15	<i>Paul first H. Maurus Ab. Geolulph. K C.</i>
b	16	<i>Marcellus P M. Henry H.</i>
c	17	<i>Anthony Ab H. Ulfrid B M.</i>
d	18	<i>Ch. of Pe. at R. Prisc. VM. Deicola Ab.</i>
e	19	<i>Canutus K M. Marius Marth. &c. M M. Wolstan B C.</i>
f	20	<i>Fab. & Sebaft. M M. Rich. of Hampool H</i>
g	21	<i>Agnes V M. Malcalin Ab.</i>
A	22	<i>Vinc. & Anast. M M. Brithwald. B C.</i>
b	23	<i>Raym. C. Emerent V M. Theorgith V.</i>
c	24	<i>Timothy B M. Cadoc B M.</i>
d	25	<i>Conver. of Paul Ap. Itha V.</i>
e	26	<i>Polycarp B M. Bathildis Q. of Fr. Abbess.</i>
f	27	<i>Jo. Chrysostom B C. Paladius B C.</i>
g	28	<i>Appar. of Agnes. Sexulph. B. of Lich. C.</i>
A	29	<i>Francis Sales B C. Gildas Sen. H.</i>
b	30	<i>Martina V M. Gilda Jun.</i>
c	31	<i>Pet. Nolascaus C. Wilgis Ab.</i>

February

February hath xxviii Days.

d	1	<i>Faſt. Ignatius B M. Bridget V.</i>
e	2	<i>PURIFICATION. Laurence Abp. of Can.</i>
f	3	<i>Blasius B M. Wereburg V. Abbess.</i>
g	4	<i>Andreas Corsin B C. Gilbert C.</i>
A	5	<i>Agatha V M. Indract and his Comp. M M.</i>
b	6	<i>Dorothy V M. Inas K. of the West Sax. Mo.</i>
c	7	<i>Romuald Ab. Augulus B. of London M.</i>
d	8	<i>John of Matha C. Elfled V Abbess.</i>
e	9	<i>Appollonia V M. Telcan B of Landaff.</i>
f	10	<i>Scholaſtica V. Trumwin B of the Picts.</i>
g	11	<i>Cedon ſurnamed Simplex, a Lay-Brother of Strenſhall.</i>
A	12	<i>Edilwald B C.</i>
b	13	<i>Ermenild Q. Abbess of Ely.</i>
c	14	<i>Valentin Pr M. Neclan C.</i>
d	15	<i>Faustin & Jovita M M. Sigfride B Ap of the Goths. Oswy K of Northum.</i>
e	16	<i>Juliana V M.</i>
f	17	<i>Finan B Ap of the Merc.</i>
g	18	<i>Simeon B M. Translat of Edward K M.</i>
A	19	<i>Acca B C.</i>
b	20	<i>Translation of St. Mildred.</i>
c	21	<i>Cymbert B in the Isle of Wight, &c.</i>
d	22	<i>Ch of Pe at Ant. Translat. of Gudwal [B C.]</i>
e	23	<i>Faſt Milburg V Abbess.</i>
f	24	<i>MATHIAS Ap. Etbelbert K of Kent.</i>
g	25	<i>Furſeus Ab.</i>
A	26	<i>Mitwide V.</i>
b	27	<i>Elvius B C.</i>
c	28	<i>Oſwald B of York and C.</i>

On Leap Years February has 29 Days,
and St. Matthias is celebrated on the
25th.

March hath xxxi Days.

d	1	David B C. Swibert B of Werd.
e	2	Chad B of the Mercians and C.
f	3	Wenlock Ab.
g	4	Casimir C. Lucius P M. Owen Mo.
A	5	Piran B in Ireland, afterwards H in Corn.
b	6	Fridolin Ab. (Esterwin Ab.
c	7	Tho. of Aq. Doct. Perpet. & Felic. M M.
d	8	John de Deo C. Felix B Ap of the East Ang.
e	9	Frances Widow of Rome. Bosa B C.
f	10	Forty Martyrs. Himelin H.
g	11	Leitpard B of Cant M.
A	12	Gregory P Ap of Eng. Brian K M.
b	13	Cungar H.
c	14	Alfrid K of Northum C.
d	15	Aristobulus B M sent by St. Peter into Brit.
e	16	Adaman C.
f	17	Patrick Abp Ap of Ireland E.
g	18	Edward K of the West Saxons M.
A	19	JOSEPH Conf. Alkmund M.
b	20	Cuthbert B of Lindf.
c	21	Benedict Ab. Herebert Pr H.
d	22	Hamund B of Sherburn.
e	23	Finguar M.
f	24	Faſt. Lanfrank Abp of Cant.
g	25	ANNUNT. of the B V. Mary. William a Child M.
A	26	Alswald B of Sherburn.
b	27	Translation of St. Batildis.
c	28	Albert Abp of Cassel in Ireland.
d	29	Gundley K H.
e	30	Patton B of Werda in Westph.
f	31	Translation of St. Aldelm B C.

April

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g	1	Sadock & Adrian Pr C C.
A	2	Fran. of Paula, Found. of the Minims C. Ebba jun. Abbess M.
b	3	Richard B of Chicheft.
c	4	Ifidore P C. Guier Pr H.
d	5	Vincent C. Gotebald B C.
e	6	Elstan B of Wilton.
f	7	Bernark Ab in Wales.
g	8	Lethard B.
A	9	Gisla and Restruude V V.
b	10	Paternus Mo.
c	11	Leo P. Guthlack H of Croyland.
d	12	Mechtild V.
e	13	Hermenegild M. Elfled Wid at Glastenb.
f	14	Tiburtius Valer & Max M M. Ethelmulph
g	15	Paternus B in Wales. (K of the W Sax.
A	16	Maxentia V M.
b	17	Anicetus P M. Stephen Ab.
c	18	Oswin C.
d	19	Elpheg Ab of Cant M.
e	20	Ceadwald K of the W Sax. Adlar B M of Winch.
f	21	Anselm Abp of Cant. E. Birnstan B.
g	22	Soter and Caius P P M M.
A	23	GEORGE M Patr of Engl E. Ethelred K of W Sax M.
b	24	Mellit B of Lond. after of Cant.
c	25	Mark Evang ABST. Egbert Ab.
d	26	Cletus & Marcel P P M M. Leofrick B.
e	27	Walburg V Abbess.
f	28	Vitalis M. Ivo B.
g	29	Peter M. Paul B of Leon in Little Brit.
A	30	Cathar of Siena V. Erconwald B of Lond.

May hath xxxi Days.

b	1	PHILIP and JAMES Apost. <i>Asaph</i> B.
c	2	Athanafius B. <i>Ultan</i> Ab.
d	3	The FINDING of the Cross. <i>Walter</i> Ab.
e	4	Monica Wid. <i>Etheldred</i> K of the Merc.
f	5	Pius V. P. <i>Richard</i> K.
g	6	✚ John Ap ad Port Lat. <i>Edbert</i> B.
A	7	Stanislaus B M. <i>John</i> Abp of York, furen. of Beverley.
b	8	✚ Appar of Mich. <i>Wiro</i> C.
c	9	Greg. Naz. B. <i>Beatus</i> C Ap of Switzer.
d	10	Antonin B. <i>Gordianus</i> and <i>Epim.</i> M M.
e	11	Fremund M. (<i>Henry</i> B Ap of Finl. M.
f	12	Nereus, Achil Domit. V & Pancrat M M. <i>Remig.</i> B of Linc.
g	13	Merwine V Abbefs.
A	14	Boniface M. <i>Editha sen.</i> V Abbefs.
b	15	Dympna V M.
c	16	Ubaldus B. <i>Simon Stock</i> C Carmel.
d	17	Carantock (<i>Cernock</i>) C.
e	18	Venantius M. <i>Sewal</i> Ab of York.
f	19	Pe. Celest. P. Pudent V. <i>Dunst.</i> Abp of Cant.
g	20	Bernardin of Siena. <i>Ethelb.</i> K of the East
A	21	Godric H. Constant. the Great C. (<i>Ang</i> M.
b	22	Julia V.
c	23	William M at Rochester
d	24	Robert B of Hereford.
e	25	Ma. Mag. Pazzi V. Urban P M. <i>Aldelm</i> B.
f	26	Ph. Ner C. Eleuther PM. ✚ Aug. Ap of Eng.
g	27	John P M.
A	28	Theocus H.
b	29	Dubricius B.
c	30	Felix P M. <i>Heyna</i> V.
d	31	Petronilla V. <i>Wulphild</i> V Abbefs.

June

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e	1	Wistian M Prince of Mercia.
f	2	Marcellin. Peter & Eral. M M. Malcolm K of Scotland.
g	3	Pega V.
A	4	Petrock Ab.
b	5	Boniface B Ap of Germ M.
c	6	Norbert B Found. of Prem. Gudwal B in North Wales.
d	7	Robert Ab.
e	8	William Abp of York.
f	9	Primus & Felician M M. Columba Ab.
g	10	† Margaret Queen of Scot. E.
A	11	† Barnaby Ap. Egbert K of North Mo. Ap. of the Picts.
b	12	Basiliid Cyren Nabor & Naz. M M. Cunera V M. Joan. a S. Facundo Conf.
c	13	Anthony of Padua C. Elerius Ab.
d	14	Basil the Great B. Brandan Ab.
e	15	Vitus, Modestus & Crescentia M M. Ead-
f	16	Main Ab. (burg V.
g	17	Botulph Aq.
A	18	Marcus & Marcel. Bro. M M. Colman Ab.
b	19	Gervas & Protas Bro. M M. Buriene V.
c	20	Silverius P M. Transl. of Edward K of the
d	21	Englemond M. (West Sax. M.
e	22	Paulinus B. † Alban Protomart. of Brit.
f	23	Fast. Ediltrude (Audrey) Q V Abbess.
g	24	NAT. JOHN BAPTIST. Barthol. Pr H.
A	25	Amphibalus B M. Adelbert Deacon.
b	26	John & Paul Bro. M M. John Pr & C.
c	27	Levine B M.
d	28	Fast. Leo P. Agatha V Abbess.
e	29	PETER & PAUL Ap. Hugh a Child M.
f	30	† Commemoration of Paul Ap. Theod. Abp. of Canterbury.

July

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g	1	<i>Julius and Aaron M M.</i> (Oudock B. Land.
A	2	† Visit. of our La. Proces. & Martin MM.
b	3	<i>Guthagon H.</i>
c	4	<i>Odo Abp. of Canterbury</i>
d	5	<i>Modwen V. Abbess</i>
e	6	<i>Sexburg Q. Abbess</i>
f	7	<i>Transl. of St. Tho. Cant. Willibald B.</i> <i>On Sunday following, the Feast of the Relicks of Saints deposited or honoured in every particular Church.</i>
g	8	<i>Eliz. Q. of Portugal. Edgar K.</i>
A	9	<i>Ethelburgh Q. Abbess</i> (Grimbald Ab.
b	10	<i>Bro M M. Rufina & Secun. Sist. M M.</i>
c	11	<i>Pius P M. Witburg V. Abbess M.</i>
d	12	<i>J. Gualb. C. Nab. & Fel. M M. Killian &c.</i>
e	13	<i>Anaclet P M. Mildred V. Abbess</i>
f	14	<i>Bonav. B. Marcellinus Pr. Ap. of Geld.</i>
g	15	<i>Henry Emp. Transl. of Swithin B. of Win.</i>
A	16	<i>Osmund B. of Sarum.</i>
b	17	<i>Alexius C. Kenelm K. of Mercia M.</i>
c	18	<i>Camil.deLel.Pr.C. Symphorosa & her 7 Sons</i>
d	19	<i>Diman Monk.</i> (MM. Edburg V.
e	20	<i>Margaret V M Alswith Queen</i>
f	21	<i>Praxedes V. Arbobastus B. of Straß.</i>
g	22	† Mary Mag. Lewine V M. (of Lon. M.
A	23	<i>Apollinaris B M. Liborius. B C. Vodin. B.</i>
b	24	<i>Fest. Christ VM. Rufin & Ulfald Bro MM.</i>
c	25	<i>JAMES Ap. Christoph. M. Aldelber Pr. M.</i>
d	26	<i>ANN Mother of the B Virgin. Christian V.</i>
e	27	<i>Pantaleon M. Joseph of Arimathea.</i>
f	28	<i>Naz Cels & Vict P. MM. Inno P. Sampf. B.</i>
g	29	<i>Martha V. Fel. P. M. Simp. Fau. & Be. MM.</i>
A	30	<i>Abd. & Sen. M M. Tawt. BC. Germ Lup BB.</i>
b	31	† Ignat. Found Jes. Neot Mo. H.

August

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c	1	† Pet. ad Vinc. Macchab. <i>Ethelwold</i> B. of
d	2	Stephen PM. <i>Kined</i> H. (<i>Winch.</i>)
e	3	Invent. or Find of St Steph. <i>Domitius</i> Mo.
f	4	† Dominic. Found. of Domin. <i>Ivo</i> B.
g	5	† Mary ad Nives. <i>Oswald</i> K. of North. M.
A	6	† Transfig. Chr. Xyst. P M. <i>Felici</i> & Ag. M M. <i>Henry</i> B.
b	7	Cajetan C. <i>Donatus</i> B M. Cl. <i>Rufina</i> .
c	8	Cyriac Larg. & Smarag M M. <i>Brioc</i> B.
d	9	<i>Fast.</i> Romanus M. <i>Hugo</i> B of <i>Ely</i> .
e	10	LAURENCE Deacon M. <i>Henry</i> K.
f	11	Tiburt & Susan M M. <i>Gilbert</i> B. of <i>Chich.</i>
g	12	† Clare V. <i>Alcuin</i> C. <i>Stephen</i> B. of <i>Lond.</i>
A	13	Hippol & Cassian M M. <i>Wigbert</i> Pr. M.
b	14	<i>Fast.</i> Eusebius C. <i>Werenfrid</i> Ap. of <i>Geld.</i>
c	15	ASSUMP. of the BV Mary. Marg. Prioreess Sund. following Joach. C Fa. of our Lady
d	16	Hyacinth C. Alexander C.
e	17	Thomas Archdeacon of Northumberland.
f	18	Agapitus M. Helen Mother of Constant.
g	19	Clitank K. of Brecknock. M.
A	20	† Bern. Ab. <i>Oswin</i> K. of North. M.
b	21	The two Arwolds Brothers M M.
c	22	Timothy Hippol. & Symphor. M M. Ar-
d	23	<i>Fast.</i> Phil. C. <i>Justinian</i> . Mo M. (<i>nulph</i> H.
e	24	BARTOLOMEW Ap. Alice Prioreess.
f	25	Lewis K. of France. <i>Ebba</i> V. Abbess
g	26	Zephyrin P M. <i>Bregwin</i> Abp. of Cant.
A	27	Decuman H M.
b	28	† August. B. Doct. Hermes M. <i>Regulus</i> C.
c	29	† Behead. of Jo. Bap. Sabina M. <i>Sebbus</i> K.
d	30	Felix & Adauctus M M. <i>Fiaker</i> Mo. H.
e	31	Raym. Nonnatus C. Aidan B. of Lindisf.

September

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f	1	Giles Ab. & 12 Bro. MM. Elpheg B. <i>Winch.</i>
g	2	Steph. K. of Hung. <i>Adamian Ab.</i>
A	3	<i>Marnsuetus B. of Treves</i>
b	4	<i>Marcellus B. of Treves</i>
c	5	Laurence Justin B C. <i>Altho Ab.</i>
d	6	<i>Magnus Ab.</i>
e	7	<i>Faſt. Leofgar. B of Heref. M. (burgh Q. Abbess</i>
f	8	NATIV. of B V Mary. Adr. M. Ethel- <i>On Sunday within this Octave, the Feast of</i> <i>the holy Name of the B V Mary</i>
g	9	Gorgonius M. <i>Oſmane V.</i>
A	10	Nicolas Tolentin. C. <i>Otgerus Pr. C.</i>
b	11	Protus & Hyacinth M M. <i>Bather Ab C.</i>
c	12	<i>Eanswid V Abbess</i>
d	13	<i>Werenfrid P C.</i>
e	14	Exalt. of the Cross. <i>Bernard C.</i>
f	15	Nicomedes M. <i>Edith V Abbess. (Ninian B.</i>
g	16	Corn PM. Cyp. BM. Euph Lu. Gem. MM.
A	17	Impref. Stigm. St Fran. Steph. & Sex. MM.
b	18	Tho. de Villa nova B C. <i>Winock Ab.</i>
c	19	Januar B. & Comp. MM. <i>Theod. Abp. of Cant.</i>
d	20	<i>Faſt. Eust. & Comp. MM. Hereswid Q. Nun.</i>
e	21	MATTHEW Ap. & Evang. <i>Edilbun. C.</i>
f	22	Maurit. & Comp. M M. <i>Quemburg V.</i>
g	23	Linus P M. Tecla V M. <i>Alfwold K. of</i> <i>North. M.</i>
A	24	The B V. <i>Mary de Mercede. Transl. of Wi-</i>
b	25	<i>Geolfrid Ab. (nibald Ab.</i>
c	26	Cypr. & Just. M M. <i>Elvan. B.</i>
d	27	Cosmas & Damian Bro. M M. Sigeb. K of E.
e	28	Wenceslaus M. <i>Lioba V Abbess (Ang. M.</i>
f	29	DED. of S MICHAEL. Roger B. of Lond.
g	30	Jerome P. Doct. <i>Honorius Abp. of Cant.</i>

October

October hath xxxi Days.

		<i>On the first Sunday of this Month, the Feast of the Rosary of the B. V. Mary.</i>
A	1	Remigius B. <i>Walsulph H. Meliorus M.</i>
b	2	† Angels Guard. <i>Thomas B. of Heref.</i>
c	3	<i>Two Ewalds Brothers & M M.</i>
d	4	† Franc. Found. of Francisc. <i>Edwin K M.</i>
e	5	Placid & Com. MM. <i>Wilfrid jun. Abp. York.</i>
f	6	† Burno Found. of Carthus. <i>Ivy Deac.</i>
g	7	Marc. P M. Ser. Bac. <i>Mark Apul. MM. Ofith</i>
A	8	Bridget Wid. <i>Q. Keyna V. H. (Q. M.</i>
b	9	Dyonyf. Rustic. & Eleuth. <i>M M. Rob. Grossteste B. of Linc.</i>
c	10	Fr. Borgia C. <i>Paulin Abp. of York.</i>
d	11	<i>Elthelburg V. Abbess.</i>
e	12	<i>Wilfred Sen. Abp of York.</i>
f	13	† Transl. of Edward K. E.
g	14	Callistus P. M. <i>Murchard B. of Wirtz.</i>
A	15	† Teresa V. <i>Tecla V. Abbess.</i>
b	16	<i>Lullus Abp. of Mentz.</i>
c	17	<i>Hedwige Wid. Ethelbright & Ethelred Bro.</i>
d	18	† Luke Evang. <i>Ethbin Ab. (M M.</i>
e	19	Peter of Alcantara C. <i>Frideswid V. Abbess.</i>
f	20	<i>Kinred and Offa K. K. Monks.</i>
g	21	<i>Hilarion Ab. Ursula & Com. V V. M. E.</i>
A	22	<i>Mello B. of Rouen.</i>
b	23	<i>Syra V.</i>
c	24	<i>Maglorius B of Dole. (John of Beverly.</i>
d	25	<i>Chrysanth. and Daria. M M. Transl. of St.</i>
e	26	<i>Evarist P M. Eata B C.</i>
f	27	<i>Fast. Rumwald Abp. of Mecklin M.</i>
g	28	<i>SIMON and JUDE Ap. Alfred K. of W.</i>
A	29	<i>Elfled V. Abbess. (Sax. C.</i>
b	30	<i>Elgelneth (the Good) Abp. of Cant.</i>
c	31	<i>Fast. Foillan B M.</i>

November

November hath xxx Days.

d	1	ALL SAINTS.	<i>Cylla V Abbets.</i>
e	2	+	All Souls. <i>Vulganius B C.</i>
f	3		<i>Wenefred V M.</i>
g	4		Charles Borom B. Vitalis & Agric. M M. <i>Clarus Pr. M.</i>
A	5		<i>Malachy Abp. of Armagh.</i>
b	6		<i>Htutus Ab.</i>
c	7		<i>Willibrord B of Maestricht.</i> (Bremen.)
d	8	4	Crowned MM Bro. <i>Willhade B. of</i>
e	9		Ded. of Say. Chu. Theod. M. <i>Kebius B.</i>
f	10		Andreas Avellinus C. Triph. Respi. and <i>Nympha M M. Justin B.</i>
g	11		<i>Martin B. Menna M. Mertwin B C.</i>
A	12		<i>Martin P M. Lebtwin Pr. Ap. of the Frisons.</i>
b	13		<i>Didacus C. Kilian B C.</i>
c	14		<i>Laurence Abp. of Dublin.</i>
d	15		<i>Machbutus [Malo] B C.</i>
e	16		<i>Edmund Ab. Abp. of Canterbury.</i>
f	17		Gregory Thaum. <i>Hugh B. of Lincoln.</i>
g	18	+	Ded. of Pet. and Paul's Church. <i>Fulco C.</i>
A	19		<i>Eliz. Wid. Pontian. P M. Ermenburg Q.</i>
b	20		<i>Felix C. Edmund K of E. Ang. M. (Abbess.</i>
c	21	+	Presentat. of our Lady. <i>Columban Ab. of</i>
d	22		<i>Cecily V M. Bega V. Anchor.</i> (Cant.)
e	23		<i>Clement P M. Felicitas M. Eadson Abp. of</i> <i>Canterbury.</i>
f	24		<i>Chrysogon M. Christiana V Abbess.</i>
g	25		<i>Catherine V M. Alnoth M.</i>
A	26		Peter of Alez. B M. <i>Egbert M.</i>
b	27		<i>Oda V.</i>
c	28		<i>Edwold H.</i>
d	29		<i>Fast. Saturnin M. Baruch H.</i>
e	30		<i>ANDREW Ap. Theanus B. of Lond.</i>

December

December hath xxxi Days.

f	1	<i>Virgilius</i> B of Saltzb.
g	2	<i>Bibiana</i> V M. <i>Weeds</i> [<i>Eve</i>] V Abbess.
A	3	<i>Franc. Xav. Lucius</i> first Christ. K of Brit.
b	4	<i>Barbara</i> V M. <i>Birinus</i> B. Ap. of <i>W. Sax.</i> <i>Petrus Chrys.</i> Conf. Pont.
c	5	<i>Sabbas</i> Ab. <i>Eanfled</i> Q. Nun.
d	6	<i>Nicolus</i> B. <i>Congellus</i> Ab.
e	7	<i>Ambrose</i> B. Doct. <i>Odwald</i> Ab.
f	8	<i>CONCEP.</i> of the B V <i>Mary</i> . <i>Agatha</i> Q.
g	9	<i>Ethelgina</i> V Abbess.
A	10	<i>Melchiades</i> P M. <i>Daniel</i> B. of <i>Bangor</i> .
b	11	<i>Damasus</i> P. <i>Boysil</i> Ab.
c	12	<i>Elfred</i> V.
d	13	<i>Lucy</i> V M. <i>Judocus</i> H.
e	14	<i>Edburg</i> V Abbess.
f	15	<i>Eusebius</i> B. <i>Hilda</i> V Abbess.
g	16	<i>Bean</i> C B.
A	17	<i>Tetta</i> V Abbess.
b	18	<i>Winnibald</i> C B.
c	19	<i>Macarius</i> Ab. C.
d	20	<i>Fast.</i> <i>Mathild</i> [<i>Mawd</i>] Q.
e	21	<i>THOMAS</i> Ap. <i>Eustachius</i> Ab.
f	22	<i>Hilda</i> V Abbess.
g	23	<i>Ithwara</i> [<i>Futhwara</i>] V M.
A	24	<i>Fast.</i> <i>Ruthius</i> M.
b	25	NATIVITY of our Lord. <i>Gregory</i> Pr. M.
c	26	<i>STEPHEN</i> Protom. <i>Tatheus</i> H.
d	27	<i>JOHN</i> Ap. & Evang. <i>Gerard</i> C.
e	28	HOLY INNOCENTS. <i>Walstien</i> C H.
f	29	<i>THOMAS</i> of <i>Cant.</i> E. <i>Thomas</i> Mo.
g	30	<i>Egwin</i> B C.
A	31	<i>Silvester</i> P. <i>Ethernan</i> Mo.

A T A B L E

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Year of our LORD.	Domi- nical Letters.	Golden Num- ber.	Septu- agesi- ma.	Ash- Wed- nesday.	Easter- Day.
1767	D	1	Feb. 15	Mar. 4	Apr. 19
1768	C B	2	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 3
1769	A	3	Jan. 22	Feb. 8	Mar. 26
1770	G	4	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	Apr. 15
1771	F	5	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1772	E D	6	Feb. 16	Mar. 4	Apr. 19
1773	C	7	Feb. 7	Feb. 24	Apr. 11
1774	B	8	Jan. 30	Feb. 16	Apr. 3
1775	A	9	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1776	G F	10	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 7
1777	E	11	Jan. 26	Feb. 12	Mar. 30
1778	D	12	Feb. 15	Mar. 4	Apr. 19
1779	C	13	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1780	B A	14	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 26
1781	G	15	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	Apr. 15
1782	F	16	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1783	E	17	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1784	D C	18	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 11
1785	B	19	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 27
1786	A	1	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1787	G	2	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8
1788	F E	3	Jan. 20	Feb. 6	Mar. 23
1789	D	4	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12
1790	C	5	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1791	B	6	Feb. 20	Mar. 9	Apr. 24
1792	A G	7	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Apr. 8
1793	F	8	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1794	E	9	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1795	D	10	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 5
1796	C B	11	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 27
1797	A	12	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1798	G	13	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8
1799	F	14	Jan. 20	Feb. 6	Mar. 24
1800	E	15	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	Apr. 13
1801	D	16	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 5

MOVEABLE FEASTS.

Year of our LORD.	Ascen- sion Day.	Whit- Sun- day.	Corpus Christi.	Sundays after Pent.	First Sund. of Advent.
1767	May 28	June 7	June 18	24	Nov. 29
1768	May 12	May 22	June 2	26	Nov. 27
1769	May 4	May 14	May 25	28	Dec. 3
1770	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2
1771	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1772	May 28	June 7	June 18	24	Nov. 29
1773	May 20	May 30	June 10	25	Nov. 28
1774	May 12	May 22	June 2	26	Nov. 27
1775	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1776	May 16	May 26	June 6	26	Dec. 1
1777	May 8	May 18	May 29	27	Nov. 30
1778	May 28	June 7	June 18	24	Nov. 29
1779	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1780	May 4	May 14	May 25	28	Dec. 3
1781	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2
1782	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1783	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1784	May 20	May 30	June 10	25	Nov. 28
1785	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1786	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1787	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1788	May 1	May 11	May 22	28	Nov. 30
1789	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1790	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1791	June 2	June 12	June 23	23	Nov. 27
1792	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1793	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1794	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1795	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1796	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1797	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1798	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1799	May 2	May 12	May 23	28	Dec. 1
1800	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1801	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29

Holidays of Obligation.

AL L Sundays. The *Circumcision of our Lord*, being *New-Years-Day*. And the *Epiphany*, being *Twelfth-Day*. The *Purification*, *Annunciation*, *Assumption*, *Nativity* and *Conception* of our blessed Lady. All the *Twelve Apostles*. St. *Joseph*, St. *George*, the *Finding of the Holy Cross*, the *Nativity* of St. *John Baptist*, St. *Ann*, the Mother of our Blessed Lady, St. *Laurence*, St. *Michael*, *All-Saints*, the *Nativity* of our Lord, called *Christmas-day*, St. *Stephen*, *Holy Innocents*, and St. *Thomas of Canterbury*.

The moveable Holidays.

Easter-day, and the two Days next following; Ascension of our Lord: *Whitsunday*, and the two next Days following; *Corpus Christi*.

Fasting Days.

AL L the *Lent*, except *Sundays*; the *Ember-days*, the *Eves* of *Christmas* and *Whitsunday*, the *Eves* of the *Purification*, *Annunciation*, (unless it fall in *Easter Week*) *Assumption* and *Nativity* of our blessed Lady, of *All Saints*, of all the *Twelve Apostles*, [except of St. *John Evangelist*, and St. *Philip and James*] of the *Nativity* of St. *John Baptist*, and St. *Laurence*, all *Fridays*, except from *Christmas-day* till after the *Octave* of the *Epiphany*, and between *Easter* and *Whitsun Eve*; and those on which a *Festival* of *Obligation* falls, unless it be in *Lent* or *Ember Week*.

Any *Fasting Day* that falls upon a *Sunday* is kept on the *Saturday* before.

Days of Abstinence from Flesh.

THE *Fridays* above excepted from *Fasts*:

All *Saturdays* except those in *Lent*, and those on which *Eves* or *Ember-days* fall.

All *Sundays* in *Lent*.

The

Days of Abstinence, &c.

The three *Rogation Days*, being *Monday*, *Tuesday*, and *Wednesday* before *Ascension-day*.

St. Mark's Day out of the *Diocese of Canterbury*, unless it falls in *Easter Week*.

If *Christmas-day* fall on *Friday* or *Saturday*, it is not kept with *Abstinence from Flesh*.

Ember Days.

TH E *Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays next following the first Sunday in Lent, Whitsunday, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and the third Sunday of Advent.*

Advent.

TH E first *Sunday of Advent* is always that which either falls on *St. Andrew's Day*, or the next to it, either before or after; that is, from the 27th of *November* to the 3d of *December*.

Marriage forbidden to be Solemnized.

TH E solemnizing of *Marriage* is forbidden from the first *Sunday of Advent* till after *Twelfth-Day*, and from the Beginning of *Lent* till *Low-Sunday*: All other Times it may be solemnized.

Necessary RULES for a CHRISTIAN.

YOU must often Examine your Thoughts, Words, and Actions, especially after much Business, Speeches, &c. that you may discern and amend your Faults.

Hold your Peace in such Things as belong not to you, and where your Speech is not for the Honour of God, and Good of your Neighbour.

Often call to Mind your Life past, and what our Saviour suffered for you in every Moment of his.

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Necessary Rules for a Christian.

You must live as if you had Nothing, and yet possessed all Things ; and remember that Meat, Drink and Cloaths, are a *Christian's* Riches.

Offer yourself entirely to God ; and tho' you had nothing to requite his Favours with but yourself, you will be comforted when you consider, that *he gives all that gives himself*. The Apostles left their poor Boats and Nets, and received for them a most ample Reward. The poor Widow gave only two Mites, and her Oblation was preferred before those of the richest Persons.

He easily parts with all Things, who always considers that he must die, and be taken from them.

In open Assemblies use no extravagant or unusual Gestures, but in all Things observe a grave Modesty and Discretion.

In all Things desire and prefer that which conduceth most to the Service and Glory of God ; as to comfort the Afflicted, reconcile such as are at Variance, visit the Sick, and such as are in Prison, and relieve the Poor.

Never go to Bed with any Disquiet or Trouble on your Mind, but endeavour to pacify your Conscience, by an Act of Contrition, or by Confession, if there be any Occasion for it.

Frequently confess your Sins. Often make Acts of Contrition, and daily use Aspirations or ejaculatory Prayers, that so you may prevent the Deceits of the Devil.

The

The Principal
FEASTS and *HOLIDAYS*
In the whole Year
E X P O U N D E D.

SUNDAY, or our Lord's Day (*dies Dominica*) is a Day dedicated by the Apostles to the more particular Service and Honour of Almighty God, and transferred from the *Jewish Sabbath* to the Day following, in Memory that *Christ* our Lord rose from the Dead, and sent down the Holy Ghost on that Day; whence it is called the *Lord's Day*, and *Sunday* from the old *Heathen* Denomination of *dies Solis*, the Day of the *Sun*, to which it was sacred.

1 *January*. *The Circumcision of our Lord*, vulgarly called *New-Year's-Day*, is a Feast instituted by the Church, in Memory of the Circumcision of our Lord on the eighth Day from his Nativity, according to the Prescript of the *Old Law*, (*Gen. xvii. 12.*) when he was named *Jesus*, as the Angel had foretold, (*St. Luke i. 31.*) and began to shed his infant Blood by the stony Knife of Circumcision: And it is called *New-Year's-Day*, from the *Old Romans* beginning their Year on that Day.

6 *Jan.* *Twelfth-Day*, or the *Epiphany* of our Lord, is a Feast solemnized in Memory and Honour of *Christ's* Manifestation to the *Gentiles* by an extraordinary Star, by which the three Kings were conducted from the East to adore him in the Manger, where they presented him with *Gold*, *Myrrh*, and *Frankincense*, in Testimony of his *Regality*,

Humanity, and Divinity, or of his being King, God, and Man. The Word *Epiphany* comes from the Greek, and signifies a Manifestation; and it is called *Twelfth-Day*, because celebrated the *twelfth Day* after *Christ's Nativity*, exclusively. The same Day are commemorated the Baptism of our Saviour, and his first Miracle at the Wedding in *Cana of Galilee*, turning Water into Wine.

12 Jan. St. *Benedict*, surnamed *Bisop*, Master to our renowned St. *Bede*, and Abbot of *Wore* near *Durham* in the Kingdom of the *Northumbers*, after he had five several Times visited the *apostolic See*, and thence obtained very large and ample Privileges for two Monasteries which he had erected in Honour of God, and in Memory of the Apostles St. *Peter* and *Paul*, in a venerable old Age replenished with Sanctity, he reposèd in our Lord in the Year 690, and was buried in his Monastery of St. *Peter* aforesaid. He was the first that united the *Benedictine* or Black Monks of our Island into one Body, and is therefore venerated by all that Order, as chief Patron of the *English Congregation*.

25 Jan. *The Conversion of St. Paul*: a Feast instituted by the Church to perpetuate the Memory of his miraculous Conversion, which happened on this Day, in the 35th Year of *Christ*, as he was going with Letters from *Jerusalem* to *Damascus*, to persecute the Christians that were there, when on a sudden a Voice from Heaven called upon him, and of a Persecutor rendered him an Apostle, *Acts ix.*

2 February, *Candlemas-day*, or the *Purification of the B. Virgin*, a Feast in Memory and Honour both of the Presentation of our blessed Lord, and the *Purification of the B. Virgin* in the Temple of *Jerusalem*, the fortieth Day after her happy Delivery, according to the Law of *Moses*, *Levit. xii.* and is called *Purification* from the *Latin Word*, signifying

to purify; not that the B. Virgin had contracted any thing by her Child-birth which needed Purifying, (being the Mother of Purity itself) but because other common Mothers were, by this ceremonial Right, freed from the legal Impurity of Child-birth, to which out of her great Humility she submitted.

It is called *Candemas*, because before Mass is said that Day, the Church blesses her Candles for the whole Year, and makes a Procession with hallowed or blest Candles in the Hands of the Faithful, in Memory of the Light wherewith Christ illuminated the Church at his Presentation, when old Simeon stiled him, *A Light to the Revelation of the Gentiles, and the Glory of his People Israel.* St. Luke ii. 32.

The four Sundays of *Septuagesima*, *Sexagesima*, *Quinquagesima*, and *Quadragesima*, are Days appropriated by the Church to Acts of Penance and Mortification, and are a certain Gradation or Preparation to the Devotion of *Lent*, being more proper and immediate to the Passion and Resurrection of Christ; and they have their numeral Denominations from *Quadragesima Sunday*, so called because it is about the fortieth Day before *Easter*.

Shrovetide signifies the Time of confessing; for our Ancestors used to say, *we will go to Shrift*, instead of *we will go to Confession*; and in the more primitive Times, it was the Custom of all good Christians then to confess their Sins to a Priest, the better to prepare themselves for a holy Observation of *Lent* and worthy receiving the blessed Sacrament at *Easter*.

Ash-Wednesday, a Day of public Penance and Humiliation in the whole Church of God, so called from the ancient Ceremony of blessing *Ashes* on that Day, wherewith the Priest signeth the People with a Cross on their Foreheads, giving them this wholesome Admonition, *Memento homo quia pulvis es et in pulverem reverteris: Remember Man that Dust thou*

art, and into Dust thou shalt be return, to mind them of their Mortality, and prepare them for the holy Fast of Lent: The *Ashes* used this Day are made of the *Palms* blessed the *Palm-Sunday* before.

Lent is called in *Latin Quadragesima*, because it is a Fast of forty Days, (except the *Sundays*, which are not kept as Days of Fast, but Abstinence only) instituted by the Church in a grateful Commemoration of *Christ's* fasting forty Days and forty Nights in the Desart. Which Fast has been observed in *England* near one thousand Years, according to Sir *Richard Baker* in his *Chronicle*, *Fol. 5.*

Passion-Sunday, so called from the *Passion of Christ* then drawing nigh, was ordained by the Church more closely to prepare us for a worthy Celebration of that Solemnity. On this Day the Crucifixes, &c. in the Churches are covered with mourning Colour, both to commemorate our Saviour's going out of the Temple and hiding himself, and to dispose us to compassionate his Sufferings.

Palm-Sunday, so called from the *Palm-Banches* which the *Hebrew Children* strewed under the Feet of our Lord at his triumphant Entry into *Jerusalem*. Hence the Church blesses *Palms* yearly on this Day, and makes a solemn Procession in Memory of that humble Triumph of our Saviour, all the People bearing *Palm-branches* in their Hands.

Maundy-Thurday, in Memory of our Lord's last Supper, when he instituted the B. Sacrament of his Body and Blood; and is called *Maundy-Thurday*, *quasi Mandatum*, or *Mandat-Thurday*, from the first Word of the Anthem, *Mandatum novum do vobis*, &c. *John xiii. 34.* *I give you a new Commandment*, (or *Mandat*) *that you love one another, as I have loved you;* which is sung on that Day when the Prelates begin the Ceremony of washing the People's Feet,

in

Holidays Expounded.

in Imitation of *Christ's* washing those of his Disciples, before he instituted that blessed Sacrament.

Good-Friday, the most sacred and memorable Day on which the great and glorious Work of our Redemption was consummated by our Saviour *Jesus Christ* on the Cross between two Thieves.

On *Thursday*, *Friday* and *Saturday* in *Holy Week*, the Offices called *Tenebræ* are solemnly and mournfully sung in Lamentation of our Lord's Passion. And because these Offices are now recited in the Evenings of the *Wednesday*, *Thursday*, and *Friday* foregoing, they have gained the Name of *Tenebræ-days*; and they are called *Tenebræ*, (*i. e.* Darkness) to represent the Darkness which overspread the Earth at our Saviour's Passion, for which End the Lights on the Altar are also extinguished; after some Silence at the End of the Office a Noise is made, to represent the rending of the Veil of the Temple, and the Disorder of Nature at her Maker's Death.

The four *Ember-Weeks*, (*in Latin quatuor Tempora*) are Times of public Prayer, Fasting and Procession, partly instituted for the successful Ordination of the Priests and Ministers of the Church, and partly to beg and render Thanks to God for the Fruits and Blessings of the Earth. *Ember* comes from the Greek *Emerai*, *i. e.* *dies*, a Day: Others call them *Ember-days* from the ancient religious Custom of eating nothing on those Days till Night, and then only a Cake baked under the *Embers* or Ashes, called *panis subcinericius*, *Ember-bread*.

Wakes or Country Feasts are usually observed on the *Sunday* next after the Saint's Day to whom the Parish Church is dedicated, and took Origin from a Letter written by St. *Gregory the Great* to *Melitus* Abbot, who was sent into *England* with St. *Austin*, in these Words, *It may therefore be permitted them, (viz. the English) that on the Dedication Days, or*

other solemn Days of Martyrs, they make themselves Bowers about their Churches, and refreshing themselves and feasting together after a good religious sort, kill their Oxen now to the Praise of God and Increase of Charity, which before they were wont to sacrifice to the Devil, &c. Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*. Cap. 30. And they are called *Wakes*, because on the Vigils of those Feasts the People were wont to awake from Sleep at the several Vigils of the Night, and go to Prayers.

24 Feb. St. *Matthias*, chosen by the College of Apostles to supply the Place of *Judas the Traitor*; he was crowned with Martyrdom in *Jury*, Anno 74.

12 March, St. *Gregory*, worthily surnamed the Great, for his admirable Works and indefatigable Labours. He is stiled the Apostle of *England* by St. *Bede*, from his sending over St. *Augustine* and other religious Persons of the Order of St. *Benedict*, for the Conversion of our Isle. He died Anno 604.

17 March, St. *Patrick*, Bishop and Confessor, he was Son to *Culphurnius*, a noble Briton of *Pembroke-shire*, and being educated by his Uncle, the great St. *Martin of France*, was ordained Bishop by Pope *Celestine*, Anno 431, and sent to preach the Gospel first to the *Scots*, and then to the *Irish*, which whole Nation he converted, and became thereby their Apostle. He died, full of Sanctity and Miracles, after he had lived 122 Years, A. D. 491.

19 March, St. *Joseph*, the reputed Father of our B. Saviour, and Spouse of our B. Lady: He died in *Judea*, before our Saviour begun his Mission.

21 March, St. *Benedict* the Great, Abbot and Patriarch of the Monks, who restored the almost decayed monastical Discipline in the Western Church. His Life, &c. is written by St. *Gregory*. He died at Mount *Cassin*, Anno 542.

25 March, *Annunciation of the B. Virgin Mary*, a Feast in Memory of that most happy Embassy unto her

her by the Angel *Gabriel*; upon which, by her Consent, and the Operation of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God was incarnate in her sacred Womb.

Easter-day, in *Latin Pascha*, a great Festival in Memory and Honour of our B. Saviour's Resurrection. It is called *Easter* from *Oriens*, i. e. the *East*, or *Rising*, one of the Titles of *Christ*; and his Name (says the Prophet) shall be called *Oriens*.

Monday and *Tuesday* following are also kept holy, in Memory of some of our Lord's first Apparitions after his Resurrection; which are commemorated on these Days for the greater Solemnity of this Feast.

Dominica in aliis, commonly called *Lov-Sunday*, is the *Octave of Easter-day*, and so called from the Catechumens or *Neophytes* white Garments, Emblems of Innocence and Joy, which they put on at their Baptism, and solemnly put off on this Day.

Holy-Thursday, or *Ascension-day*, a Feast solemnized in Memory of *Christ's* glorious Ascension into Heaven the fortieth Day after his Resurrection, in the Sight of his Apostles and Disciples, *A&ls i.*

23 April, St. *George*, a Martyr of *Cappadocia*, of whom the *Roman Martyrology* says, that the Church of God honours his glorious Martyrdom amongst the Crowns of other Martyrs. He was chosen in a special Manner as chief Patron of our *English Nation*, at the Instance of the glorious Prince *Henry V.* before his Expedition for regaining *France*. When it was ordained by a provincial Constitution, that this Feast should be kept holy, and his Solemnity is observed with a double Office and Octave throughout the whole Realm. He suffered *Anno 282*.

25 April, St. *Mark* the Evangelist was Disciple and Interpreter to St. *Peter*, who writing his *Gospel* at the Request of the Christians of *Rome*, took it with him into *Egypt*, where, first preaching at *Alexandria*, he founded that Church; and afterwards

wards being apprehended for the Faith of *Christ*, was bound with Cords and dragged upon Stones; then being shut up in a close Prison, he was comforted by an angelical Vision, and an Apparition of the Lord of Angels. He was called to Heaven in the 8th Year of *Nero*. On this Day the Great Litanies are said, and Abstinence from Flesh is observed, to obtain a Blessing on the Fruits of the Earth.

1 May, St. Philip and James, Apostles. After the first had converted almost all *Scythia* to the Faith of *Christ*: He was fastened to a Cross, and stoned to Death at *Hieropolis*, a City of *Asia*, *Anno* 54. The second, called also our Lord's Brother, was the first Bishop of *Jerusalem*: He was thrown from a Pinnacle of the Temple, his Thighs were broke, and his Head being wounded with a Fuller's Club, he died, and was buried near the Temple, *Anno* 63.

3 May, The Invention of the Holy Cross, or Holy Rood-day, a Feast in Memory of the miraculous Invention or finding of the Holy Cross on which our Saviour suffered, by St. *Helen*, Mother to *Constantine the Great*, in the Year 326, after it had been hid and buried by the Infidels 180 Years, who erected a Statue of *Venus* in the Place of it.

Rogation-week, the next but one before *Whitunday*, is so called, because on *Monday*, *Tuesday* and *Wednesday* of this Week, *Rogations* (from *Rogo* to ask and pray) and Litanies are used, with Abstinence from Flesh, enjoined by the Church to all Persons, not only for a devout Preparative to the Feasts of *Christ*'s glorious *Ascension*, and *Pentecost*, then short y after, but also to beg and supplicate the Blessing of God on the Fruits of the Earth.

The *Belgians* call it *Cruys-week*, i. e. *Cross-week*, and so it is called in some Parts of *England*, because when the Priest goes in Procession on these Days, the Cross is carried before him.

In the North of *England* it is called *Gang-week*, from the *ganging* or going in Procession and Perambulations then used, &c.

Whit-Sunday or *Pentecost*, a solemn Feast in Memory of the Holy Ghost coming on the Heads of the Apostles in Tongues of Fire, *Act*s ii. 3.

Pentecost in Greek signifies the *fiftieth*, it being the *fiftieth Day* after the Resurrection. And it is called *Whit-sunday* from the *Catechumens* being anciently cloathed in *white*, and admitted on the Eve of this Feast to the Sacrament of Baptism.

Trinity-Sunday, the *Octave of Whitunday*, is dedicated to the most B. Trinity; to signify that the Works of our Redemption and Sanctification, then completed, are common to all the Three Persons.

Corpus-Christi Day, the next *Thursday* after *Trinity-Sunday*, is a Feast instituted by the Church in Honour of the B. Sacrament of the Altar, so called from the Body of *Christ* substantially present there. On this Day in all Catholic Countries that adorable Sacrament is most solemnly carried about in Procession, the Priest and the People expressing their highest Devotions in Hymns and Prayers, accompanied with all other outward Testimonies of pious Affection, as Music, Flowers strewed in the Streets, their best Tapestries upon the Walls, &c.

6 *May*, St. *John Latin-Gate*, a Solemnity instituted to commemorate St. *John the Evangelist's* being brought Prisoner from *Ephesus* to *Rome* by *Domitian's* Order, and there, by Sentence of the Senate (before the *Latin-Gate*) was put into a Vessel of boiling Oil, but came out more pure and vigorous than he went in: This happened *Anno 92*.

26 *May*, St. *Augustine*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and Monk of the Order of St. *Benedict*, was sent over by St. *Gregory the Great*, to preach the Christian Faith to our Nation: He first converted *Ethelbert*,

bert, King of *Kent*, and afterwards by himself and others sent as Co-adjutors with him, and their Successors, reconciled the whole Nation to the Faith and Law of *Christ*, and so became our Apostle. He died *A. D. 600*, and was buried in his own Cathedral of *Canterbury*, whereof he was the first Archbishop. His Feast used to be kept holy throughout the whole Diocese. *Mart. Ang.*

27 May, St. *Bede*, commonly entitled *Venerable*, for his having illustrated the Church of God by his Learning and Piety. He was delivered to the Monastery of St. *Peter* and *Paul* at *Weremouth* in *Binshoppwick*, at the Age of seven Years, and was educated under St. *Bennet Biscop*. At the Age of thirty he was ordained Priest by *John the Ordinary* of that Diocese, at the Appointment of *Acca*, Archbishop of *York*, and died *A. D. 734*, on the Day of our Lord's Ascension, was buried in his own Monastery, but afterwards translated to *Durham*. His Feast is now kept with a double Office on the 29th of *OEt*.

11 June, St. *Barnaby*, Apostle, born in *Cyprus*, and ordained Apostle of the *Gentiles* with St. *Paul*, travelled with him into many Provinces, preaching the Gospel: And going into *Cyprus* was crowned with Martyrdom, *Anno 50*. His Body, himself revealing it, was found in the Time of *Zeno the Emperor*, with St. *Matthew's* Gospel written by himself.

22 June, St. *Alban*, the first or Proto-Martyr of our Nation, in the Time of *Dioclesian*: He suffered Martyrdom for entertaining a Priest at *Verulam*, now from him called St. *Albans*, *Anno 303*.

24 June, The Nativity of St. *John the Baptist*, Precursor of our Lord, Son to *Zachary* and *Elizabeth*, who, being yet in his Mother's Womb, was replenished with the Holy Ghost.

29 June, St. *Peter* and St. *Paul* are joined in one Solemnity, because they were principal and joint Operators.

Operators under *Christ* in converting the World; the first converting the *Jews*, the other the *Gentiles*: As also, because both were martyr'd at the same Place (*Rome*) and on the same Day (29 *June*.)

2 July, *The Visitation of our B. Lady*, a Feast instituted to commemorate her Visit to her Cousin St. *Elizabeth*, immediately after she had received the Angel's Message of the Incarnation of the Son of God. It is celebrated at this Time, when she returned to *Nazareth*, rather than at the Time she undertook it, because that being commonly about *Easter*, its Observation cannot be complied with, by reason of so many great Solemnities then happening. Pope *Urban VI.* instituted this Feast, *Anno 1385.*

7 July, *The Translation of St. Thomas of Canterbury*; a Feast ordained by a provincial Constitution in the Time of *Simon Islip*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, to be observed throughout the whole Nation, in Memory of his sacred Relics being taken up and repos'd in a more costly Shrine, and in a more eminent Place in his own Cathedral, where it was had in great Veneration until the Days of King *Henry VIII.* *Anno 1539.*

25 July, St. *James*, called the Great, Brother to St. *John* the Evangelist, was, about the Feast of *Easter*, beheaded at *Jerusalem*, by *Herod Agrippa*. His Relics were upon this Day translated to *Compostella* in *Spain*, where they are had in great Veneration, People resorting thither from all Parts of Christendom to pay their pious Devotions, and fulfil their Vows. He suffered Martyrdom *Anno 42.*

26 July, St. *Anne*, Mother to the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, Mother of God.

27 July, St. *Joseph* of *Arimathea*, a noble Decurion, mentioned by the Evangelist, who, after he had buried *Christ*, came out of *Jury* into *Great-Britain* with *Joseph* his Son and divers others, and

obtained of King *Arviragus* a little Island in *Somersetshire*, called *Inis Witrin*, now *Glastenbury*, where, building a little Oratory for himself and Companions, and leading a solitary Life, replenished with Merit and old Age, he died, *Anno 82.*

6 August, *The Transfiguracion of our Lord*, when our B. Lord appeared in Glory upon Mount *Tabor* in Presence of his three Apostles, between *Moses* and *Elias*; the Law and the Prophets. *Mat. xvii.*

10 Aug. St. *Lawrence*, Deacon to Pope *Zixius II.* was most cruelly broiled on a Gridiron for the Faith of *Christ*, which Martyrdom he suffered with incomparable Fortitude and Patience, *Anno 253.*

15 Aug. *The Assumption of the B. Virgin Mary*, a Feast in Memory of her being assumed or taken up into Heaven, both Soul and Body, after her Dissolution; which is a Tradition piously believed in the Church, and happened *A. D. 56.*

And the Feast of her Nativity (*Sept 8*) is in Memory of her glorious Birth; by whom the Author of all Life and Safety was born into the World.

18 August, St. *Helen*, an *Britiish* Woman by Birth, was Mother to *Constantine the Great*, the first Christian Emperor. She died *Anno 326.*

24 Aug. St. *Bartholomew*, one of the twelve Apostles of our Lord, who having preach'd the Gospel in *India*, and passing thence into the great *Armenia*, after he had converted innumerable People to the Faith, was barbarously flead alive by the Command of *Astigages*, Brother to the King, *Anno 44.*

29 Aug. *The Decollation of St. John the Baptist*, whom *Herod Antipas* beheaded about the Feast of *Easter*; though his Memory be kept on this Day, when his venerable Head was found the second Time, which being afterwards translated to *Rome*, *Anno 394*, is there kept with great Devotion in the

the Church of St. *Silvester*, near unto *Campus Martius*.

14 September, *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*; when *Heraclius* the Emperor having overcome *Cosroe* King of *Persia*, brought it back to *Jerusalem*, A. 628.

21 Sep. St. *Matthew*, Apostle and Evangelist. Preaching the Gospel in *Ethiopia*, was slain at the Altar, as he celebrated the divine Mysteries, Anno 44.

29 September, *Michaelmas*, is a Solemnity or solemn Mass on that Day in Honour of St. *Michael*, Archangel, and of all the nine Orders of holy Angels; as also to commend the whole Church of God, to their Patronage and Prayers, by whose charitable Ministry we have received of God, as the original Source, so many Benefits: And it is called the Dedication of St. *Michael*, from the dedicating of a Church in *Rome* to him, by P. *Boniface III.* A. 606.

5 October, St. *Placid* and his Companions, Monks and Martyrs at *Messina* in *Sicilly*; together with him suffered his two Brothers, *Eutychius* and *Victorinus*, as also *Flavia* his Sister, with *Donatus* and *Firmatus*, Deacons, *Faustus* and thirty other Monks of the venerable Order of St *Bennet*; he himself having been the immediate Child of the said holy Patriarch. They were all most barbarously murdered by *Manuchas* the Pirate, Anno 541.

18 October, St. *Luke* the Evangelist, who after he had endured many Afflictions for the Name of *Christ*, filled with the Holy Ghost, died in *Bithynia*, Anno 74, whose sacred Bones were brought to *Constantinople*, and thence translated to *Padua*.

28 Oct. St. *Simon the Cananean*, and *Jude*, otherwise called *Thaddeus*: The first preached the Gospel in *Egypt*, the second in *Mesopotamia*, and afterwards going together into *Persia* after they had converted an infinite Multitude of that Nation to the Faith, they both accomplish'd their Martyrdom in the Year 68.

1 November, All-Saints or All-hallows, a Solemnity in Memory and Honour of all the Saints; since the whole Year is too short to afford us a several Feast for every Saint in particular.

2 November, All-Souls, is a Day set apart by the Church for the Living to commemorate by Prayers and Suffrages the Souls of the Faithful departed.

And these two Days, *All-Saints* and *All-Souls*, were of so eminent Observance with our Ancestors, that they still continue no Court-days in *Westminster-hall*.

21 November, The Presentation of our B. Lady in the Temple of Jerusalem at three Years of Age; a Feast commanded to be observed by P. Paul II. A. 1464.

30 Nov. St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr, who preach'd the Gospel in *Thracia* and *Scythia*, till apprehended by *Ageas* the Proconsul, he was first cast into Prison, there most cruelly beaten, and at last fastened to a Cross, whereon hanging alive for three whole Days together, he preach'd to the People; and having besought our Lord that he might not be taken down from the same, environ'd with a great Light from Heaven, he gave up his blessed Soul to God, at *Patras* in *Achaia*, Anno 69.

The four Sundays of Advent, are those preceding *Christmas-day*, and were instituted by the Church with particular Offices, commemorative of the Benefits of our Saviour's *Advent*, or coming to redeem the World by his happy Birth.

8 December, The Conception of the glorious and ever blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, a Feast first instituted by St. *Anselm*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and Monk of St. *Bennet's* Order, in the Year 1070, and commanded afterwards by *Sixtus IV.* to be generally observ'd, Anno, 14-6.

21 December, St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr, who having preach'd the Gospel to the *Parthians*, *Medes*, *Persians* and *Hyrcans*, went into *India*, where-

where he instructed that People in the Christian Faith, and for that, by the King's Command, was thurst thro' the Body with Lances, and gave up his blessed Soul at *Calamina*, in the Year 44.

25 December, *Christmas*, or the *Nativity of Christ*, a solemn Feast yearly celebrated by the Catholic Church, even from the Apostles Time to this Day, in Memory of the Birth of our Saviour *Christ* at *Bethlehem*: and therefore it is called the *Feast of his Nativity*, and *Christmas* for the Mass celebrated on that Day in Honour of his holy Birth.

26 December, St. Stephen, the first or Proto-Martyr after *Christ's Ascension*, stoned to Death by the *Jews*, *A&s vii. Anno 34.*

27 December, St. John Apostle and Evangelist, who after the writing of his *Gospel*, after his Banishment, and after he had receiv'd the Revelation of his *Apocalypse*, liv'd unto the Time of *Trajan* the Emperor, and both founded and governed the Churches of *Asia*. Finally worn out with old Age the 68th Year after our Lord's Passion, died at *Ephesus*, in the 93d Year of his Age, and was buried near the same City.

28 December, *Holy Innocents*, or *Childer-mass-day*, a Feast in Memory of those Babes whom *Herod* slew when he sought for our blessed Saviour: And it is called *Childer-mass*, or *Childrens-mass*, from the particular Commemoration of those martyr'd Children in the Mass for that Day.

The several Feasts of other Saints are instituted by the Church to honour God in his Saints, and to teach us to imitate their Virtues and honour their Martyrdoms and Sufferings for the Faith of *Christ*.

*The Beginning of the GOSPEL
according to St. JOHN.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

IN the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This was in the Beginning with God: All Things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was Life, and the Life was the Light of Men: and the Light shined in Darkness; and the Darkness did not comprehend it. There was a Man sent from God, whose Name was John. This Man came for Testimony, to give Testimony of the Light, that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but to give Testimony of the Light. It was the true Light, which enlighteneth every Man that comes into this World. He was in the World; and the World was made by him; and the World did not know him. He came into his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, he gave them Power to be made Children of God, those that believe in his Name. Who are born, not of Blood, nor of the Will of Flesh, nor of the Will of Man, but of God. *And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt amongst us.* (And we saw his Glory, the Glory as of the only Begotten of the Father) full of Grace and Truth.

Resp. *Thanks be to God*

CHRISTIAN

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.

The Apostles Creed.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth ; and in *Jesu Christ*, his only Son our Lord ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin *Mary*; suffered under *Pontius Pilate*; was crucified, dead and buried ; descended into Hell ; the third Day he arose again from the Dead ; ascended into Heaven ; sits at the Right-hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence he will come to judge the Living and the Dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the holy Catholic Church ; the Communion of Saints ; the Forgiveness of Sins ; the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Our Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name ; thy Kingdom come ; thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven : Give us this Day our daily Bread ; and forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil. *Amen.*

The Angelical Salutation.

HAIL *Mary*, full of Grace, our Lord is with thee : Blessed art thou among Women ; and blessed is the Fruit of thy Womb, *Jesu*. Holy *Mary* (Mother of God) pray for us Sinners, now, and at the Hour of our Death. *Amen.*

The

The Ten Commandments.

I AM the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of *Egypt*, and out of the House of Bondage.

I. Thou shalt not have strange Gods before me: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven Thing, nor the Likeness of any Thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth below, nor of the Things that are in the Water under the Earth: Thou shalt not adore nor worship them. I am the Lord thy God, strong and jealous, visiting the Sins of the Fathers upon their Children, to the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shewing Mercy to Thousands of those that love me, and keep my Commandments.

II. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

III. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

IV. Honour thy Father and thy Mother.

V. Thou shalt not kill.

VI. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

VII. Thou shalt not steal.

VIII. Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour.

IX. Thou shalt not desire thy Neighbour's Wife.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Goods.

The Seven Sacraments.

1. Baptism,	Matth. xxviii. 19.
2. Confirmation,	Acts viii. 17.
3. Eucharist,	Matth. xxvi. 20.
4. Penance,	Job. xx. 23.
5. Extreme Unction,	Jam. v. 14.
6. Holy Order,	Matth. xxvi.
7. Matrimony,	Matth. xix. 6.

The

The Three Theological Virtues.

1. Faith,
2. Hope,
3. Charity.

The Four Cardinal Virtues.

1. Prudence,	3. Fortitude,
2. Justice,	4. Temperance.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost.

1. Wisdom,	5. Knowledge,
2. Understanding,	6. Godliness,
3. Counsel,	7. The Fear of our
4. Fortitude,	Lord.

The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

1. Charity,	7. Longanimity,
2. Joy,	8. Mildness,
3. Peace,	9. Faith,
4. Patience,	10. Modesty,
5. Benignity,	11. Continency,
6. Goodness,	12. Chastity.

The Two Precepts of Charity.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole Heart, with thy whole Soul, with all thy Strength, and with all thy Mind : 2. And thy Neighbour as thyself.

The Precepts of the Church.

1. **T**O hear Mass on Sundays, and to keep certain appointed Days holy ; which Obligation chiefly consists in hearing Mass, and resting from all servile Works.
2. To observe the commanded Days of Fast and Abstinence.
3. To pay Tythes to the Pastor.
4. To confess your Sins to your Pastor, at least once a Year.
5. To receive the Blessed Sacrament at *Easter*, or between *Palm-Sunday*, and *Low-Sunday*.
6. Not to marry with Solemnity from the first *Sunday of Advent* to *Twelfth-day*, nor from *Ash-Wednesday*

Wednesday to Low-Sunday ; nor to marry within the fourth Degree of Kindred, nor privately without Witness.

The Corporal Works of Mercy.

TO Feed the Hungry,
To give Drink to the Thirsty,
To cloath the Naked,
To visit and Ransom the Captives,
To harbour the Harbourless,
To visit the Sick,
To bury the Dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy.

TO correct the Sinner,
To instruct the Ignorant,
To counsel the Doubtful,
To comfort the Sorrowful,
To bear Wrongs patiently,
To forgive all Injuries,
To pray for the Living and the Dead.

The Eight Beatitudes.

1. **B**LESSED are the Poor in Spirit ; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
2. Blessed are the Meek ; for they shall possess the Land.
3. Blessed are they that Mourn ; for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after Justice ; for they shall be filled.
5. Blessed are the Merciful ; for they shall find Mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of Heart ; for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the Peace-makers ; for they shall be called the Sons of God.
8. Blessed are they that suffer Persecution for Justice-Sake ; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Of

Of Sin.

Sin is Two-fold, Original, and Actual.

Actual Sin is divided into Mortal and Venial.

The Seven Capital Vices, or Sources of Sin.

Pride,	Contrary Virtues	Humility,
Covetousness,		Liberality,
Lust,		Chastity,
Wrath,		Meekness,
Gluttony,		Temperance,
Envy,		Brotherly Love,
Sloth,		Diligence.

The Six Sins against the Holy Ghost.

1. Presumption of God's Mercy,
2. Despair,
3. Impugning the known Truth,
4. Envy at another's spiritual Good.
5. Obstinate in Sin,
6. Final Impenitence.

*Things necessary for a penitent Sinner.***C O N T R I T I O N of Heart.**

Entire Confession of all mortal Sins to a Priest impowered and approved.

Satisfaction by Work.

True Contrition consists in a hearty Sorrow for having offended so good a God, with a full Purpose of Amendment for the Time to come:

Four Sins crying to Heaven for Vengeance.

1. Wilful Murder.
2. Sodomy.
3. Oppression of the Poor.
4. Defrauding Labourers of their Wages.

Nine Ways of being accessory to another's Person's Sin.

1. By Counsel,	6. By Concealment,
2. By Command,	7. By Partaking,
3. By Consent,	8. By Silence,
4. By Provocation,	9. By Defence of the
5. By Praise or Flattery,	Ill done.

Three

Three eminent good Works.

1. Alms-deeds, or Works of Mercy.
2. Prayer, 3. Fasting.

The Three Evangelical Counsels.

1. Voluntary Poverty,
2. Perpetual Chastity,
3. Entire Obedience.

The Four last Things to be remembred.

1. Death,		3. Hell,
2. Judgment,		4. Heaven.

An Instruction for the MORNING.

FIRST, When thou awakeſt, bleſſ thyſelf with the Sign of the Croſs, and pray to God, that he will ſo enlighten thee with the Light of his holy Spirit, that thou be not enticed to conſent to Sin, and conſequently ſeduced to Death.

SECONDLY, When thou haſt put on thy Cloaths, give not thyſelf to babling or vain Fancies, but lift up thy Heart to God in Silence, and prepare thyſelf to pray, as follows.

THIRDLY, After Prayer, purpose firmly and conſtantly with thyſelf, not to commit willingly that Day any Thing whereby God or thy Neighbour may be offended.

LASTLY, It is very neceſſary to mind thy Affairs, and with Quietneſſ of Spirit reſolve with thyſelf how to ſpend the Day to come.

Prayers to be ſaid when you awake from ſleep.

O God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, who ſaidſt in the Beginning, Let there be Light, and it was made: Enlighten my Eyes that I may never ſleep in Sin, leſt at any Time the Deceits of the Enemy, or my own Corruptions, ſhould prevail againſt me.

O God

O God the Son, the Brightness of the Father's Glory, and the perfect Image of his Person, the true Light who shineth in Darkness : Drive away from me all Clouds of Ignorance, and give me Understanding ; that in thee, and thro' thee, I may see and know the Father ; whom to know is to live ; and whom to serve is to reign for ever.

O God the Holy Ghost, who inflamest the Wills of those in whom thou vouchsafest to dwell with heavenly Affections : Pour into my Mind the Gift of thy holy Charity ; that despising all vain and transitory Things, I may with a continual Desire long for the true and everlasting Joys of thy heavenly Kingdom.

O Holy Trinity, one God, defend me this Day from the Deceits and Temptations of the Devil ; keep me from all mortal Sin, and still preserve me from sudden and unforeseen Death. Raise up, O God, my Body from Sleep and Drowsiness, and my Soul from Sin, that I may praise and glorify thy holy Name ; to whom belong all Benediction, Honour, Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, now and for ever. *Amen.*

At your rising up.

IN the Name of our Lord *Jesus Christ* crucified, I arise. Bless me, O Lord, govern me, keep me, and confirm me in all good Works this Day, and for ever ; and after this short and miserable Pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting Happiness. *Amen.*

O Most sweet Saviour, *Jesus Christ*, open thou my Heart and Lips to praise and glorify thy holy Name, which above all Names is blessed. Purify my Soul from all evil and perverse Thoughts, that my Lips may continually bless thee, my Mind meditate on thee, and my Life glorify thee. And because through thee I had my Being, to the Praise and glory of thy holy Name,

Name, grant, I beseech thee, that in the Sight of thy divine Majesty, I may faithfully serve thee here, and eternally rejoice with thee hereafter; who, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

O Dear *Jesus*, the everlasting Repose of thy Elect, when will the Hour come that my poor Soul shall enter into those happy Regions of Peace and Rest, prepared for us in thy celestial Glory!

In putting on your Cloaths.

O Sweet *Jesus*, that the Shame of my sinful Soul may not be seen, cloath it with the Robes of thy Justice, and cover it with the Ornaments of all Manner of Grace and Virtue. *Amen.*

O Most amiable *Jesus*, the true Spouse of my Soul, give me the Wedding-Garment of divine Love, and perpetual Charity. *Amen.*

In washing your Hands, say.

O My Lord *Jesus*, who so lovedst us, as to wash our Souls in thy precious Blood, purify, I beseech thee, my Heart and my Hands from all the Spots of Filth and Sin. *Amen.*

In washing your Mouth.

O Divine Wisdom, the eternal Word of God, I humbly beseech thee with thy Grace to purge my Lips from all wicked and unprofitable Words, that my Mouth may never open but to thy praise, and the Benefit of others.

In washing your Eyes.

O True and indifcient Light, who enlightenest every one that comes into this World, enlighten the Eyes of my Soul, that in all Things I may perfectly see and perform thy blessed Will and Pleasure. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

GOD the Father bless me, *Jesus Christ* defend and keep me, the Virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and direct me, now, and for ever. *Amen.*

An

An Exercise for the MORNING.

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now, and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.

O Almighty God ! who dwelling in the highest Heavens vouchsafest to regard the lowest Creature upon Earth ; I humbly adore thy sacred Majesty ; and with all the Powers of my Soul I exalt and praise thy Name for the infinite Blessings thou hast so freely bestowed on me ; for electing me in thy Love, and creating me to thy own Image ; for redeeming me by thy Son, and sanctifying me with thy Holy Spirit ; for preserving me in all the Chances and Encounters of this Life, and raising up my Thoughts to the Hopes of a better ; and particularly for thy gracious Protection from the Dangers of this Night, and bringing me safely to the Beginning of this Day. Continue, O Lord, thy Mercy to me ; and as thou hast awakened my Body from Sleep, so raise my Soul from Sin, that I may walk soberly and chastly, as in the Day, in all holy Obedience before thy Face.

Deliver me, O merciful God, from the Evils of this Day, and guide my Feet in the Ways of Peace. Strengthen my Resolution to embrace with Gladness the Opportunities of doing Good, and carefully to avoid all Occasions of Sin, especially [here express them] which I have found by Experience to be most dangerous to my Soul : And when, through Frailty, I forget thee, do thou in Mercy remember me ; that as often as I fall by the evil Inclination of

my Nature, I may always rise again by the good Assistance of thy Grace. Make me diligent in the Duty of my Calling, and State of Life, and not too solicitous for the Success of my Affairs ; but in all the Miscarriages and Crosses of this World, absolutely to submit to thy Divine Pleasure, and wholly to rely on thy merciful Providence. Let thy Blessing be upon my Actions, and thy Grace direct my Intentions, that the whole Course of my Life, and the principal Design of my Heart, may always tend to the Advancement of thy Glory, the Good of others, and the eternal Salvation of my own Soul, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord and only Saviour ; who with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, World without End. *Amen.*

Give me Grace, O Lord, to do what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

Give me Grace to suffer what thou permittest, and permit what thou pleasest.

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon me, and dwell in my Heart for ever. *Amen.*

A devout Recommendation.

I Adore and glorify thee, O Blessed Trinity, God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ; I offer myself to thy Divine Majesty, humbly beseeching thee to take from me, and from all thy Faithful, whatever displeases thee, and give us that which is grateful in thy Sight : Grant that we may here do what thou commandest, and hereafter receive what thou promisest.

To thee, O Lord, I commend my Soul and Body [my Wife and Children, my Father and Mother, my Brethren and Sisters] my Relations and Benefactors, my Friends and Familiars, and all those for whom I am any ways bound to offer up my Prayers. To thee

thee I commend the Holy Catholic Church. To thee I commend this Kingdom, and our gracious Sovereign. Grant, O Lord, that all may know thee, all may honour and reverence thee, all may love thee, and be loved by thee. Reduce those that err, and bring them again into the Way ; abolish Heresies, and convert all to the true Faith who as yet do not know thee. Grant us, O Lord, thy Grace and keep us in thy Peace : May thy Holy Will be done, and not ours : Comfort all those that lead their Lives in Sorrow, Misery, or Temptations, and mercifully relieve them in their Afflictions, whether Spiritual or Coporal. Lastly, I commend all, universally, to thy holy Protection, that thou wilt vouchsafe to the Living Forgiveness of their Sins, and to the Souls departed everlasting Rest. Amen.

Another.

IN TO the Hands of thy unspeakable Mercy, O Lord, I commend my Soul and Body, my Senses, my Words, my Thoughts, and all my Actions, with all the Necessities of my Body and Soul, my going forth and coming in, my Faith and Conversation, the Course and End of my Life, the Day and Hour of my Death, my Rest, and Resurrection, with thy Saints and Elect. Amen.

A Prayer for Perseverance in Goodness.

GRANT, O my Lord Jesus Christ, that I may persevere in good Purposes, and in thy Holy Service, to my Death, and that I may now this present Day perfectly begin ; for all I have hitherto done is nothing. Amen.

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel.

O Angel of God, to whose Holy Care I am committed by the supreme Clemency ; enlighten, defend, and govern me this Day, in all my Thoughts, Words, and Actions. Amen.

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all Evil, and bring us to eternal Life: And may the Souls of the Faithful, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. *Amen.*

A Blessing.

THE Peace of our Lord *Jesus Christ*; the Virtue of the sacred Passion; the Protection of the Angels; and the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and of all the Saints and Elect of God, be with me, and defend me now, and at the Hour of my Death. *Amen.*

When at Morning, Noon, and Evening, the Sign of the Salutation is given, say,

THE Angel of God brought the Message unto *Mary*, and she conceiv'd by the Holy Ghost. *Hail Mary, &c.* Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy Word, *Hail Mary, &c.* And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us, *Hail Mary, &c.*

A Prayer.

PO UR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Grace into our Hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of *Christ* thy Son was made known by the Message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the Glory of the Resurrection, through the same *Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

May the Souls of the Faithful, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. *Amen.*

In going forth of your House, say,

SHEW me, O Lord, thy Ways, and teach me thy Paths. Direct my Steps according to thy Word, that no Injustice rule over me. Make perfect my Steps in thy Paths, that my Feet be not moved.

Grace before Meat.

BLESS us, O Lord, and these thy Gifts, which of thy Bounty we are going to receive, through *Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Grace after Meat.

WE give thee Thanks, Almighty God, for all thy Benefits, who livest and reignest, World without End. *Amen.*

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, for thy Name's Sake to render to all our Benefactors everlasting Life. *Resp.* Amen.

Vers. May the Souls of the Faithful, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. *Resp.* Amen.

A Prayer for Scholars before Study.

OIncomprehensible Creator; the true Fountain of Light, and only Author of all Knowledge; who out of the Treasure of thy Wisdom hast with wonderful Harmony disposed and order'd all the Parts of the World: Vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to enlighten my Understanding with the Rays of thy Brightness, and chase away from me all Darkness of Sin and Ignorance. Thou, who makest eloquent the Tongues of the Speechless, instruct my Tongue, and pour on my Lips the Grace of thy Blessing. Give me a diligent and obedient Spirit, Quickness of Apprehension, Capacity of Retaining, and the continual Assistance of thy Holy Grace, that I may apply all to thy Honour, and the everlasting Salvation of my own Soul, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

TH E Blessing of God the Father, the Grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Comfort of the Holy Ghost, be with us, and dwell in our Hearts for ever. *Amen.*

Prayers to be said at Night, before going to Bed.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.

O Eternal God ! Infinite, and Almighty ! Whose Glory the Heaven of Heavens is not able to contain, look down on thy unworthy Servant, prostrate at the Feet of thy Mercy, and humbly confessing to thee, in the Sight of all thy holy Angels and blessed Saints, the Sinfulness and Vanity of my Life, but especially the Transgressions of this Day, by which I have so lately offended thy Majesty, and so grievously wounded my own Soul.

I confess to Almighty God, to the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, to blessed *Michael* the Archangel, to blessed *John* the *Baptist*, to the holy Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*, and to all the Saints, that I have exceedingly sinned in Thought, Word, and Deed, through my Fault, through my Fault, through my most grievous Fault.

Here examine diligently what Sins you have fallen into this Day, by Thought, Word, Deed, or Omission; and humbly confessing them, say,

OF these, and all my other Sins, I most earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for every Thought, Word, and Deed, by which I have displeased the Eyes of thy Glory, and provoked thy Wrath and Indignation against me ; especially, for my Disobedience to so Holy a Law, and extreme Ingratitude to so gracious and bountiful a God. O Lord, I acknowledge, that I have not merited the least of thy Mercies, but have deserved the greatest of thy Judgments. But thou hast revealed thyself to be a God of Pity and Compassion, forgiving the Iniquities of such as truly repent, and absolving all those that voluntarily condemn themselves. Wherefore, with a penitent and contrite Heart, I freely confess

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the Guiltiness of my own Conscience, and humbly offer these Prayers to thee for my Penance.

Say some Prayers, or do some other pious Act, for your Penance; then say,

BUT since my Sins and many Imperfections most fully convince me, that in myself I have nothing to rely upon; and thy great Mercy has provided and given us a Redeemer and Mediator to trust in, who having been Crucified for us, and entered through his own Blood into the Sanctuary of Heaven to appear to thy Face in our Behalf, lives always there to plead for us, and is able to save for ever those who through him approach to thee: I come with an humble Confidence to the Throne of thy Grace, that by the seasonable Help of his Mediation I may find Favour and obtain Mercy. And I likewise beseech the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, blessed *Michael* the Archangel, blessed *John the Baptist*, the holy Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*, and all the Saints, to pray to God for me.

The great and glorious Lord of Heaven and Earth have Mercy on me, forgive me my Sins, and bring me to everlasting Life. *Amen.*

May the Almighty Hand of our merciful God give me Pardon, Absolution, and full Remission of all my Sins. *Amen.*

And now, most gracious and liberal Benefactor, with my whole Strength, with all the Faculties of my Soul and Body, I praise and magnify thy Name, for thy great and innumerable Benefits, proceeding purely from thy Bounty, and intended wholly for my Good; particularly for preserving me this Day in the midst of so many Dangers incident to my Condition, and delivering me from so many Calamities and Miseries as are due to my Sins.

Thou art my Creator (O my God) and kind

Protector ; thou art the last End of my Being, and the supreme Perfection of my Nature ; under the Shadow of thy Wings is perpetual Repose, and from the Light of thy Countenance flows eternal Joy and Felicity. To thee be Glory and Honour ; to thee Adoration and Obedience, from all thy Creatures, for ever. *Amen.*

And since thou hast ordained us the Day to Labour, and the Night to take our Rest, as I praise thee for the Blessings of this Day past, so I beseech thee for thy Protection this Night to come. Let the Eye of thy Providence watch over me, and thy holy Angels pitch their Tents about me, that being safely delivered from all Dangers, and comfortably refreshed with moderate Sleep, I may be the better enabled to perform the Employments of my Calling and State of Life, and faithfully to persevere in the Duties of thy Service ; and so daily advance to new Victories over my Passions, and a more perfect Observance of thy Commandments, till having passed my Days in thy Fear, I may end them in thy Favour, and rejoice with thee for ever in thy heavenly Kingdom, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord and only Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, World without End. *Amen.*

Here say the Prayer, I adore and glorify, &c. as in Page 26.

An Act of Contrition.

O Dreadful Lord, and most indulgent Father ! I wretched Worm have sinned against Heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy Servant, much less to be accounted thy Child, having repaid so much Bounty with Contempt, and so many Benefits with Ingratitude. Where shall I find Punishment enough to be reveng'd

veng'd of my Sins, and Tears enough to wash away my Iniquities ! Alas, it is dreadful to provoke the Wrath of the Living God ! But what chiefly pierces my Heart is, that I have offended a God, who ought to be loved and honoured above all Things. What shall I say (dear Lord) in Detestation of the Crimes I have committed ? What shall I do to prevent my future Relapses ? Father, from henceforth the Face of Sin shall be more hideous to me than Hell, and the least Temptation to it more frightful than Death. Forgive, (Almighty Love) forgive, and have not the Sins of my Life past in Remembrance. Why should the mighty Lord of Heaven and Earth be incensed against so poor, so contemptible an Object ? Look upon me (O my God) not in thy Anger, but according to the tender Bowels of thy infinite Mercy ; for thou art our Father, and we are thy Children ; thou art our Maker, and we are all as Clay in thy Hands. Thou can'st with those Waters, drawn from the Fountains of our Saviour, cleanse our Pollutions ; and with the Mixture of one Drop of his Blood mould us again into Vessels of Honour. Of thee only (O merciful Father) I beg and hope for Pardon ; upon thee only I call and depend for Assistance, that I may hereafter constantly serve thee with a true and faithful Obedience, and inseparably adhere to thee with a pure and perfect Love for ever. *Amen.*

T H E H Y M N.

Te Lucis ante Terminum.

O God, before the Close of Day,
We beg, thy usual Mercies may
Direct us with thy purer Light.
Thro' all the Dangers of the Night.

SUPPRESS our Foe's infernal Arts,
Lest sensual Dreams defile our Hearts
With vain deluding Thoughts, that creep
On heedless Minds, disarm'd with Sleep.

In this, most gracious Father, hear,
Thro' Christ thy equal Son, our Pray'r :
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Resides and reigns eternally.

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, and keep us sleeping ; that we may watch with Christ, and rest in Peace. *Amen.*

Preserve us as the Apple of thy Eye, and protect us under the Shadow of thy Wings.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this Night without Sin.

Have Mercy on us, O Lord, have Mercy on us.
Thy Mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have put our Trust in thee.

O Lord, hear my Prayer, and let my Cry come to thee.

The Prayer.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this Habitation, and drive far away from it all the Snares of the Enemy ; let thy holy Angels dwell therein to preserve us in Peace, and thy Blessing be upon us for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel.

O Angel of God, to whose holy Care I am committed by the Supreme Clemency, enlighten, govern and defend me this Night from all Sin and Danger. *Amen.*

The Blessing

GOD the Father bless me, Jesus Christ, defend and keep me, the Virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me this Night, and for ever. *Amen.*

Into

Into thy Hands, O Lord, I commend my Spirit; Lord Jesus, receive my Soul.

When you go to Bed, say,

IN the Name of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, Crucified, I lay me down to rest; bless me, O Lord, defend and govern me; and after this short and miserable Pilgrimage bring me to everlasting Happiness. *Amen.*

A Prayer at settling to Sleep.

O *Jesus Christ*, whose unwearied Eye neither slumbers nor sleeps, but continually watches in the Defence of thy Servants; receive me, I beseech thee, into thy Protection, and grant, that when my Body is asleep, my Soul may be awake to thee; and that I may hereafter behold that blessed and heavenly Country, where thou, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art eternal Governor; and where the Angels, with the blessed Saints, are Citizens for ever. *Amen.*

An Instruction when thou can'st not sleep.

WHEN thou art in Bed and can'st not sleep, employ thy Thoughts in some Spiritual Exercise, as in saying thy Beads, or some other Prayers, or in meditating on some Passage of our Saviour's Life or Passion; particularly how he spent that Night wherein he was taken in the Garden. Or else thou mayst think on the painful State of the Souls in Hell or Purgatory.

If thou chance to awake in the dead of the Night, forthwith imagine with thyself, that thou art present among the Choirs of Saints and Angels; and with sudden Acclamation cry out with them in the Words of that Hymn, which they incessantly sing both Day and Night, saying, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, &c. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth, Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty of thy Glory.

Or, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As

*As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, World without End. Amen.*

*Live, Jesus, live, and let it be
My Life to die for Love of thee.*

MORNING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY.

INTRODUCTION.

COME Holy Ghost, replenish the Hearts of thy Faithful, and kindle in them the Fire of thy Love.

Lord have Mercy on us. Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us. Our Father, &c.

Vers. And lead us not into Temptation.

Resp. But deliver us from Evil.

Vers. Be mindful of thy Congregation, O Lord.

Resp. Which thou hast possessed from the Beginning.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us Pray.

ENLIGHTEN our Minds, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Light of thy Grace; that we may see what is our Duty to do, and that, when we see it, we may be enabled to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord, &c.

A Prayer before the Beginning of any Duty.

PREVENT, we beseech thee, O Lord, our Actions, by thy holy Inspiration, and carry them

them on by thy gracious Assistance, that every Prayer and Work of ours may begin always from thee, and by thee be happily ended, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Vers. O Lord, thou wilt open my Lips.

Resp. And my Mouth shall set forth thy Praise.

Vers. Incline unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Vers. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Resp. As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without End. *Amen.*

Come let us adore the Lord that made us.

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The 94th Psalm.

COME let us rejoice to the Lord, let us sing joyfully to God our Saviour; let us make haste to approach his Presence in Confession, and in Psalms let us joyfully sing unto him.

Come let us adore the Lord that made us.

Because our Lord is a great God, and a great King above all Gods; because our Lord will not cast off his People: For in his Hands are all the Bounds of the Earth, and he beholds the Tops of the Mountains.

Come let us adore.

Because the Sea is his, and he made it, and his Hands founded the dry Land: Come let us adore and fall down before God; let us lament before the Lord that made us, because he is the Lord our God: And we are his People, and the Sheep of his Pasture.

Come let us adore the Lord that made us.

This Day if ye shall hear his Voice, harden not your Hearts, as in the Provocation according to the Day

Day of Temptation in the Wildernes, where your Fatherstempted me; they tried, and saw my Works.

Come let us adore.

Forty Years was I nigh to this Generation, and said, they always err in their Hearts ; and have not known my Ways: To whom I swore in my Wrath, if they shall enter into my Rest.

Come let us adore the Lord that made us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without End. *Amen.*

Come let us adore.

Come let us adore the Lord that made us.

The Song of the three Children, Dan. 3.

BLESS ye our Lord, all the Works of our Lord ; praise and extol him for ever.

Bless our Lord, ye Angels of our Lord; ye Heavens, bless our Lord.

All ye Waters that are above the Heavens, bless our Lord: Bless our Lord, all ye Powers of our Lord.

Sun and Moon, bless ye our Lord : Stars of Heaven, bless ye our Lord.

All Showers and Dew, bless ye our Lord : All ye Spirits of God, bless our Lord.

Fire and Heat, bless ye our Lord : Cold and Heat, bless ye our Lord.

Dews and Hoar-Frost, bless ye our Lord : Frost and Cold, bless ye our Lord.

Ice and Snow, bless ye our Lord : Nights and Days, bless ye our Lord.

Light and Darkness, bless ye our Lord : Lightning and Clouds, bless ye our Lord.

Let the Earth bless our Lord : Let it praise and extol him for ever.

Mountains and Hills, bleſſe ye our Lord : All Things that ſpring in the Earth, bleſſe ye our Lord.

Bleſſe our Lord, ye Fountains ; Seas and Rivers, bleſſe ye our Lord.

Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bleſſe ye our Lord : Bleſſe our Lord, all the Fowls of the Air.

All Beasts and Cattle, bleſſe ye our Lord : Sons of Men, bleſſe ye our Lord.

Let *Israel* bleſſe our Lord : Let him praise and extol him for ever.

Ye Priests of our Lord, bleſſe our Lord : Ye Servants of our Lord, bleſſe our Lord.

Ye Spirits and Souls of the Just, bleſſe our Lord : Ye holy and humble of Heart, bleſſe our Lord.

Ananias, Azarias, Misael, bleſſe ye our Lord ; praise him, and extol him for ever.

Let us bleſſe the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost : Let us praise and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the Firmament of Heaven ; and praised, and glorified, and extolled for ever.

The 8th Psalm.

O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is thy Name in the whole Earth !

For thy Magnificence is raised higher than the Heavens.

Out of the Mouths of Infants and Sucklings thou haſt brought forth Praise, by reaſon of thy Enemies ; that thou mayſt destroy the Enemy and Revenger.

For I ſhall behold the Heavens, the Works of thy Fingers ; the Moon and the Stars, which thou haſt formed.

What is Man, that thou art mindful of him ? Or the Son of Man, that thou doſt cast an Eye upon him ?

Thou

Thou hast made him a little inferior to the Angels ; with Glory and Honour thou hast crowned him, and hast appointed him over the Works of thy Hands.

Thou hast subjected all Things under his Feet ; Sheep and Oxen, and even the Beasts of the Field.

The Birds of the Air, and Fishes of the Sea, that walk through the Paths of the Sea.

O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is thy Name in the whole Earth !

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 18th Psalm.

THE Heavens set forth the Glory of God ; and the Firmament declares the Works of his Hands.

One Day sends out Word to another ; and one Night gives Notice to another.

They are not Languages, nor Speeches, whose Voices are not heard.

Their Sound hath gone forth into all the Earth ; and their Words unto the Ends of the Earth.

He hath placed his Tabernacle in the Sun, and he like a Bridegroom coming forth of his Chamber.

Hath leap'd out as a Giant to run his Course : His setting forth is from the utmost Heaven.

And his Progress is even to the farthest Part of it : Neither is there any that can hide himself from his Heat.

The Law of our Lord is without Spot, converting Souls : The Testimony of our Lord is faithful, giving Wisdom to little ones.

The Justice of our Lord is right, making Hearts joyful : The Precept of our Lord is bright, enlightening the Eyes,

The Fear of our Lord is Holy, abiding for ever and ever : The Judgments of our Lord are true, justified, in themselves,

Far more to be desired than Gold, and many precious Stones : And more sweet than Honey, and the Honey-comb.

For thy Servant keepeth them ; in keeping them there is much Reward.

Who understands his Offences ? From my secret ones cleanse me, and from other Men's spare thy Servant.

If they shall not have Command over me, then shall I be without Spot, and shall be cleansed from the greatest Sin.

And the Words of my Mouth shall be such as may please ; and the Meditation of my Heart always in thy Sight.

O Lord, my Helper and Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 23d Psalm.

THE Earth and its Fulness is our Lord's, the Ball of the Earth, and all that dwell therein.

Because he hath founded it above the Seas, and prepared it above the Rivers.

Who shall ascend into the Mount of our Lord ? Or who shall stand in his holy Place ?

The Innocent of Hands and Clean of Heart, that hath not received his Soul in vain, nor sworn to his Neighbour in Guile.

He shall receive a Blessing of our Lord, and Mercy of God his Saviour.

This is the Generation of them that seek him, of them that seek the Face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your Gates, ye Princes; and be ye lifted up, O eternal Gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of Glory ? Our Lord strong and mighty : Our Lord mighty in Battle.

Lift up your Gates, ye Princes; and be ye lifted up,
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O eternal Gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Power,
he is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A devout Prayer or Contemplation of the Joys of Heaven.

O Heavenly King, and Lord of Lords, how glorious is the Throne whereon thou sittest, and how renowned and noble the Kingdom where thou dwellest! The Situation of it is far above all the Heavens; its Extent exceeds all Measure; the Brightness of it infinitely excells the glittering Lustre of precious Stones; its Light is such as needs neither Sun nor Moon; the Lamp which burns in it continually is the Lamb: Its Streets are paved with pure Gold; and its Water is the River of Life, more clear than Crystal, and ever flowing.

There the Angels are sent on Embassies; the Arch-Angels minister; the Principalities triumph; the Powers rejoice; the Dominions govern; the Virtues shine; the Thrones display their Brightness; the Cherubims give Light; Seraphims burn in Love; and an innumerable Army of blessed Saints, of Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors and Virgins sing continual Lauds and Praises unto thee.

There is Health without Infirmitie, Liberty without Bondage, Beauty without Deformity, Immortality without Corruption, Abundance without Necessity, Quietness without Trouble, Security without Fear, Knowledge without Mistake, Fulnes without Surfeite, and Joy without Sadness.

There the Eyes are renewed and made clearer than the Sun; the Ears always hear that wonderful Music, which is so exceeding sweet and pleasant, that the least Sound thereof would be able to ravish all the Hearts of this World; the Sense of Smelling

ing is most wonderfully recreated with odoriferous Savours, and the Taste is satiated with incredible Sweetness and Delight.

There the Company are so friendly and loving one to another, that they seem all but one Soul and one Heart ; and live together in so great Peace and Concord, as cannot be expressed.

There, to every one is appointed his Place and Glory according to his Merit: And above all Saints and Angels is placed the Throne of that most excellent Queen of Angels, the Mother of God ; not kneeling now upon her Knees before the Manger, nor troubled with Frights and Fears of losing her Child ; but with inestimable Peace and Security placed near her dearly beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour *Jesu*.

Arise therefore, O my Soul, and advance thyself on high, leave all earthly Thoughts and Cares here beneath, and fly up with the Wings of thy Spirit to that most excellent Land of Promise, and humbly salute those heavenly Regions, and say ; Hail sweet Country, the Haven of Security, the Place of Refuge, the House of Blessing, the Paradise of Delights, the Garden of eternal Flowers, the Crown of all just Persons, and the End of all our Desires : After thee have I for a long time sighed and mourned, and still daily sigh and mourn. O that the Days of my Banishment were at an end ! How is the Time of my Pilgrimage prolonged ! O Lord, I desire to be dissolved and to be with thee. Grant this, O Father, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Hymn of St. Ambrose and St. Augustine. Te Deum Laudamus.

THEE, Sov'reign God, our grateful Accents praise ;
We own thee Lord, and bless thy wond'rous Ways.

To

To thee, eternal Father, Earth's whole Frame
With loudest Trumpets sound immortal Fame :
Lord, God of Hosts ! To thee the Heavenly Powers
With sounding Anthems fill thy vaulted Towers.
By Cherubins thrice Holy, Holy, Holy, cry :
Thrice Holy all the Seraphims reply : }
And thrice returning Echo's endless Songs supply.
Both Heaven and Earth thy Majesty display :
They owe their Beauty to thy glorious Ray.
Thy Praises fill the loud Apostles Quire :
The Train of Prophets in the Song conspire.
Legions of Martyrs in the Chorus shine :
And vocal Blood with vocal Music join.
By these thy Church, inspir'd with heavenly Art,
Around the World maintains a second Part ;
And tunes her sweetest Notes, O God, to thee,
The Father of unbounded Majesty,
The Son ador'd Co-partner of thy Seat,
And equal everlasting Paraclete.

Thou King of Glory, Christ ; of the most High
Thou co-eternal filial Deity :
Thou, who, to save the World's impending Doom,
Vouchsaf'st to dwell within a Virgin's Womb,
Old Tyrant Death disarm'd ; before thee flew
The Bolts of Heaven, and back the Foldings drew,
To give Access and make the Faithful Way :
From God's Right-hand thy filial Beams display.
Thou art to judge the Living and the Dead :
Then spare those Souls for whom thy Veins have bled.
O take us up amongst the Bless'd above,
To share with them thy everlasting Love :
Preserve, O Lord, thy People, and enhance
Thy Blessing on thy own Inheritance.
For ever raise their Hearts, and rule their Ways :
Each Day we bless thee and proclaim thy Praise.
No Age shall fail to celebrate thy Name :
Nor Hour neglect thy everlasting Fame.

Pre-

*Preserve our Souls, O Lord, this Day from Ill,
Have Mercy on us, Lord, have Mercy still.
As we have hop'd do thou reward our Pain,
We've hop'd in thee, let not our Hope be vain.*

*A comfortable Prayer on the glorious Resurrection and
Ascension of our Saviour Jesus.*

O Infinite Goodness and inestimable Charity, wherewith thou, O Son of God, didst descend from Heaven for our Salvation! Thou took-est on thee the nature of Man, not of Angels, and deckest the same with Immortality, the Crown of thy holy Resurrection. Thou hast carried it above all the Heavens, above the Seats of all the Angels, above the Cherubin and Seraphim, placing it on the Right-hand of thy Eternal Father.

For this the Angels praise thee, and all the holy Powers of Heaven fall flat before thy Majesty : each Degree of the celestial Spirits tremble at the Sight of Him, who, in an admirable Union, is both God and Man. This is my only Comfort, this my spe-
cial Consolation, that with my Saviour and Re-
deemer there remains Part of my Flesh, and I have a perfect Hope of going thither, where a Portion of me already reigns ; neither do I account it a small Honour to me, that my Flesh is there glorified, not doubting of having a Place hereafter, where my Blood is already so gloriously enthroned.

And tho' I confess myself a most wretched Sinner, yet I despair not of the Communion of thy Grace : For well I know thou canst not forget Man, whose Nature thou hast put on, and wearest upon thee for his Sake ; but wilt declare thyself a most merciful God, in the tender Affection thou bearest to thy faithful Servants, who in thee are risen, and ascended

ascended into Heaven, and with thee sit in everlasting Glory ; for we are thy Members, and thou art our Head, Flesh of our Flesh, and Bone of our Bones : And who is there that hates his own Flesh, but contrarywise loves, cherishes and takes care of it ?

O wonderful Mystery, wherein thou, O Lord, art united to thy holy Church ! Wherefore I beseech thee, O merciful Saviour, make me Partaker of the Comfort of thy holy Resurrection and Ascension ; that being supported with thy heavenly Grace in this Life, I may ascend to thee ; and appearing before thy glorious Seat, pure and unspotted, may there receive my happy Place, and sing thy Praise for ever. *Amen.*

The Song of Zachary, Luke 1.

Blessed be our Lord the God of *Israël*; because he hath visited and wrought the Redemption of his People.

And he hath raised up the Horn of Salvation to us, in the House of *David* his Servant.

As he spake by the Mouth of his holy Prophets, that were from the Beginning ;

Salvation from our Enemies, and from the Hand of all that hate us :

To do Mercy with our Fathers : And to remember his holy Testament.

The Oath which he swore to *Abraham* our Father, that he would Grant to us,

That, being delivered from the Hand of our Enemies, we should serve him without Fear.

In Holiness and Justice before him all our Days.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest ; for thou shalt go before the Face of our Lord, to prepare his Ways.

To give the Knowledge of Salvation to his People, for the Remission of their Sins.

Through

Through the Bowels of Mercy of our God,
whereby the rising Light from on High hath visited us.

To enlighten them that sit in Darkness, and in
the Shadow of Death : To direct our Feet into the
Way of Peace.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer to God the Father.

O God, the Father of our Lord *Jesus Christ*,
God of Patriarchs and Prophets, God of
Apostles and Martyrs, God of Confessors, and Vir-
gins, and of all Believers : I beseech thee, have
Mercy on us. Thou who didst send thy Son, our
Saviour *Jesus Christ*, to redeem us, thy Son, born
of the Virgin *Mary*, by the Operation of the Holy
Ghost, deliver us from eternal Death.

I beseech thee, O Lord, have Compassion on thy
Servant ; judge me not according to my Works ;
for I have been disobedient to thy Commandments ;
but thou, who lovest Repentance, have Mercy on
me, who before thy Face make Confession of all
my Sins ; and for the Glory of thy holy Name wipe
away all my Offences.

Make me to abide in thy holy Catholic Church,
with an undefiled Faith and pure Heart, with a
firm Devotion and continual Love of thee, and
Perseverance in good Works to my Life's End. De-
liver me from the eternal Pains, and everlasting
Torments, which will be the Portion of the Wick-
ed : Grant this for our blessed Saviour's Sake,
through whom, and in whom, all Honour, Power,
and Glory, be to thee for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer, that we may keep Holy the Sunday, and spend
the Week following to the Honour of God.*

MY loving Lord and merciful Creator, I miser-
able Sinner, present myself here before thy
Eyes, humbly beseeching thee, through thy infinite
Bounty,

Bounty, to vouchsafe me thy Assistance, that I may sanctify this Day according to thy Commandments. Give me, O Lord, true Contrition of all the Sins I have committed against thee and my Neighbour, by Thought, Word or Deed, or by Omission of such good Works as I ought to have done.

And I humbly beseech thee, most sweet Jesus, not to consider the Multitude of my Sins, but to remember thy infinite Mercy: Grant me Grace to spend this Week following without offending thee; and for the Sake of thy Death and Passion, give to all Sinners Knowledge and Grace to do Penance in this World: And particularly, I intreat thee to have Mercy on those for whom thy holy Church commands us to offer up our Prayers this Day; that all of us, together with her, may be made Partakers of the infinite Merits of thy sacred Passion. *Amen.*

The Antiphon.

O All ye Saints of God, vouchsafe to intercede for our Salvation, and that of all Persons.

Vers. Be glad in our Lord and rejoice ye Just.

Resp. And glory all ye Right in Heart.

Let us pray.

PROTECT thy People, O Lord; and as we confide in the Patronage of thy Apostles, *Peter* and *Paul*, and thy other Apostles, so to preserve and defend us continually.

May all the Saints, we beseech thee, O Lord, every where assist us; that whilst we celebrate their Merits, we may find their Patronage. Grant us thy Peace in our Time, and drive away all Wickedness from thy Church: Direct our Ways, Actions and Desires, and those of all thy Servants, in the Prosperity of thy saving Conduct: Grant to our Benefactors, eternal Blessings; and to the Faithful departed, everlasting Rest, through our Lord *Jesus*, &c. *Amen.*

Vers. O

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Vers. Bless we our Lord.

Resp. Thanks be to God.

Vers. May the Souls of the Faithful, through
the Mercy of God, rest in Peace.

Resp. Amen.

*Those that have Time and Devotion may use for the
Hours the Office of the Holy Cross, or of the Holy
Ghost, with the Seven Penitential Psalms and
Litanies.*

T H E H Y M N.

Lucis Creator optime.

BLESSED Maker of the radiant Light,
Who from the darksome Womb of Night
Didst make the Sun at Nature's Birth,
To shew the beauteous Face of Earth :

Who by the Morn and Evening Ray
Hast measur'd Light, and call'd it Day ;
Whilst sable Night involves the Spheres,
Vouchsafe to hear our vocal Tears.

Lest our frail Mind, on Creatures bent,
Should hug its Chains and Banishment ;
And whilst it thus Supinely lies,
Forget to use its Wings and rise.

O may we then our Souls exert,
And shake their Pinions from the Dirt,
To soar on high, and, like the Dove,
Find nought to fix on, but above.

In this most gracious Father hear,
Through Christ thy equal Son, our Pray'r :
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Resides and reigns eternally.

The Antiphon.

SEEK first the Kingdom of God, and his Justice, and all these Things shall be given us over and above. *Alleluia.*

Vers. May my Prayer be directed, O Lord.

Resp. As Incense in thy Sight.

From the Compline on Trinity-Eve, until Advent.

T H E A N T H E M.

Salve Regina, &c.

HA IL happy Queen ! Thou Mercy's Parent, hail !

Life, Hope, and Comfort of this earthly Vale.

To thee Eve's wretched Children raise their Cry ;
In Sighs and Tears to thee we Suppliants fly.

Rise, glorious Advocate, exert thy Love ;
And let our Vows those Eyes of Pity move.

O sweet, O pious Maid for us obtain,

For us who long have in our Exile lain,

To see thy Infant Jesus, and with him to reign.

Vers. Pray for us, holy Mother of God,

Resp. That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and eternal God, who by the Co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst so prepare the Body and Soul of the glorious Virgin Mary, that it became worthy for the Reception of thy Son : Grant that we, who rejoice in her Commemoration, may by her pious Intercession, be delivered both from present Evils, and from everlasting Death ; through the same Christ our Lord.

Resp. Amen.

Vers. May the divine Assistance always remain with us.

Resp. Amen.

The

The LITANY for Sunday Morning.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe, &c.

Lord have Mercy on us. Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us. Jesus receive our Prayers.

Lord Jesus grant our Petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the World, *Have
Mercy on us.*

O God, the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Have
Mercy on us.*

* O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect,
Have Mercy on us.

O sacred Trinity, three Persons, and one God,
Have Mercy on us.

Behold we were conceived in Sin, and in Iniquity
our Mothers brought us forth, *Have Mercy on us.*

As we have grown in Years, we have multiplied
the Number of our Offences; and every Day thy
Goodness adds to our Lives, our Wickedness in-
creases the Heap of our Transgressions, *Have Mer-
cy on us.*

The Law of our Body makes War against the
Law of our Mind, and brings us into Subjection to
Sin; that the Good which we would, we do not;
and the Evil which we would not, that we do,
Have Mercy on us.

We have Sinned in the vain Thoughts and un-
lawful Desires of our Hearts, in the idle Talk and
perverse Words of our Mouths, in the wicked
Works, and fruitless Course of our Lives, *Have
Mercy on us.*

We have sinned against thee by our Ingratitude for thy Blessings, and by our Impatience under thy Chastisements, by preferring ourselves, and the Satisfaction of our own inordinate Appetites and Desires, before thee and the Observance of thy holy Commandments, *Have Mercy on us.*

We have sinned against others, in not doing to them as we would have them do to us ; and against our own Souls in pursuing more eagerly the Things of this Life, than those which belong to our eternal Felicity, *Have Mercy on us.*

We have sinned, in delaying our Repentance, and breaking the solemn Promises of amending our Lives ; in exposing ourselves to the Danger of Temptation, and often omitting the Opportunities of serving thee ; and even our best Endeavours are full of Imperfections, *Have Mercy on us.*

We have sinned, in not profiting ourselves by the Talents of Grace and Nature which thy Bounty hath committed to us for our Improvement ; and idly spending that precious Time, and unthankfully neglecting those gracious Means, which thy Goodness allows us for the Work of our Salvation, *Have Mercy on us.*

Recite here the particular Sins of the present Day, or such as have been lately committed ; and also such as you desire more especially to repent of and amend ; then say,

Have Mercy on us, most merciful Father, and according to the Multitude of thy tender Compassions, pardon the Multitude of our grievous Offences. Remember what our Substance is, that we are but as the Gras in the Field, or a Vapour that passeth away and returns not again : Remember what thou art ; infinitely Glorious in thyself, and infinitely

infinitely Good to the least of thy Creatures. Remember the gracious Promises of *Jesus Christ*; and for the Merits of his sacred Passion from all our Sins, *O Lord deliver us.*

From the Evils of this present World; from War, Pestilence, and Famine; from all disastrous Mischances in our Bodies, Minds, or Estates; from sudden Death, and all other thy heavy Judgments, *O Lord deliver us.*

From the Evils of the World to come, from the dreadful Sentence of Condemnation, and the Chains of everlasting Darkness; from the Worm that dies not, and the Fire that shall never be quenched, *O Lord deliver us.*

From the Evil of Sin which is the only Cause of all Misery; from the Temptations to which, by Nature or Custom, we are most exposed; from Ignorance of thy Will, and Neglect of what we know to be our Duty, *O Lord deliver us.*

From Pride, Covetousness, and Lust; from Envy, Gluttony, and Anger; from a slothful Coldness in what concerns our Salvation; and from those enormous Sins that cry to Heaven for Vengeance, *O Lord deliver us.*

From Slander, rash Judgment and Flattery; from Self-love, Vain-Glory and Hypocrisy; from Stubbornness, and Irreverence towards those that are above us; from the Disdain and Oppression of such as are below us; from the great Guilt of inducing others to sin, and from the Unhappiness of being perverted ourselves, *O Lord deliver us.*

From Error, Schism, and Heresy; from denying thee before Men, for worldly Respects; from new and factious Interpretations of thy Word; and from proudly preferring our private Conceits before the Judgment of thy Church, *O Lord deliver us.*

From relapsing into the Sins of which we have repented, or contracting any customary Habit of Vice ; from provoking thy Justice by Presumption, or offending thy Mercy by Despair ; from murmuring and repining against the Orders of thy Providence, and from an obstinate and impenitent Heart, *O Lord deliver us.*

In the first Motions to Sin, and the repeated Assaults of any Temptation ; in Time of our Trial, when thou seemest to withdraw thy Grace from us ; in Health and Prosperity ; in Sickness and Adversity ; in the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment, *O Lord deliver us.*

From ——— Recite here the particular Sin or Danger from which you desire to be deliver'd ; then say, *O Lord deliver us.*

Deliver us, O Lord ; and in all our Necessities, when we call on thee, in the Name of thy beloved Son, and for the Merits of our only Saviour *Jesus Christ*, who sits at thy Right-hand, to make Intercession for us Sinners, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to govern and defend thy Catholick Church ; to bleſs and preserve the supreme Bishop thereof, and all Ecclesiastical Persons, in Unity of Truth and Holiness of Life, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to endue all Christian Princes and Magistrates with the Spirit of Justice, Piety, and Wisdom ; and all Subjects with a true Reverence for their Superiors, and chearful Obedience to their just Commands ; that all the World may live in the Beauty of Order, and the Blessings of Peace, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to reduce into the Union of thy Church all those whom Malice, Passion, or Interest have divided from thy Faith : And, with

a more particular Tenderness, to compassionate all simple and unlearned People, who, by Misinstruction, are seduced into Error, and by unhappy Education settled in a Prejudice against thy Truth, *We beseech thee hear us.*

That it would please thee to convert all Jews, Turks, and Infidels, to thy holy Faith, and all dissolute Christians to a virtuous Life: That none of those, whom thou hast made, may perish; but that all the Nations of the Earth may adore thee here, and be happy with thee hereafter, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to have Compassion on the Miseries of Human Life, and especially on the Afflictions of such as suffer for their Conscience: Let thy Pity lighten their Burdens, and thy Grace strengthen their Weakness; that every sad dejected Soul may either praise thee for being released from their Pressures, or be enabled to bear their Crosses, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to enlarge our Hearts with true Charity one towards another; to feed the Hungry, and cloath the Naked; to visit the Sick, and comfort the Distressed; to forgive our Enemies, and pray for our Persecutors; and on all Occasions to do Good to every one according to our Capacities, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to assume into thy Glory all the Faithful departed in thy Grace; that as with Patience they expect the Satisfaction of thy Justice, they may with Gladness receive the Deliverance of thy Mercy, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to open thy full Hand, and mercifully bestow on us the Necessaries of this Life, with Grace so to use all thy temporal Blessings, that we rest not in the Convenience or Pleasure pro-

ceeding from any Creature, but apply them as Instruments to cultivate our Minds, and prepare us for thee and thy eternal Joys, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace of knowing thee ; that we may both fear thee, and hope in thee ; as the absolute Master of Punishment and Reward ; that we may serve and worship thee, as the Sovereign Lord of Life and Death ; that we may love and praise thee, as a most indulgent Father and bountiful Benefactor, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace of knowing ourselves, that remembering ourselves to be Dust and Ashes, and subject to a thousand Infirmitie, Temptations, and Miseries, we may humble our proud Thoughts, and sincerely acknowledge our own Unworthiness ; yet being created after thy Image, and capable of eternal Happiness, we may aspire after Heaven, and value our Souls above all the transitory Enjoyments of the Earth, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace frequently to examine, and clearly to see the State of our Consciences ; humbly to confess, and earnestly to repent of our Sins ; carefully to avoid all Occasions of Relapse, and diligently to practise such Virtues as conduce most to the Cure of our Infirmitie, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace to keep a strict Watch over our Senses, lest they solicit our Hearts to sin ; to remember continually that thou art present wheresoever we are, especially in Prayer ; that we may offer up the same with a reverent Gesture of our Bodies and a devout Attention of our Minds, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace to attend with Diligence to the Employment of our Callings ;

lings ; yet every Day to set apart some Time for thy Service, and our Souls Good ; to live in Peace and Charity with all the World ; freely forgiving their Injuries to us, and readily satifying for our Trespasses against them, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace always to call to mind the End of our Creation, and the Vanity of this World ; the Shortness of our Lives, and the Uncertainty of the Time of our Death ; the Misery of such as die in their Sins, and the unspeakable Joys of those, who, with their last Breath, give up their Souls into the Hands of thy Angels, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace to live and die in the Faith and Communion of thy Catholic Church, to enjoy the Benefit of thy holy Sacraments, and participate in the Prayers and good Works of all thy Servants throughout the World, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou would'st vouchsafe us the Grace in the last Hour of our Lives, willingly to render our Bodies to the Earth, from whence they came, and joyfully to return our Souls to thee who gavest them ; that in the Blissful Vision of thy Glory we may for ever adore thy Majesty ; and in the happy Company of thy Saints and Angels, for ever sing Praises to thy Name, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Have Mercy on us.*

O Lord hear my Prayer, and let my Cry come to thee.

MOST gracious God, the Fountain of all Mercy and Blessing, who desirest not the Death of a Sinner, nor despisest the Tears of the Penitent; favourably receive this free Confession of our Sins, and effectually move our Hearts to a true Contrition for all our Offences; that being pardoned the Evils we have presumed to do, we may be deliver'd from the Evils we deserve to suffer; and obtaining of thy Bounty such Graces as we petition for in our Prayers, we may bestow the short Remainder of our Days in a more perfect Denial of our own corrupt Inclinations, and more constant Progress towards the Enjoyment of thy glorious Promises thro' our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. *Amen.*

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain on us for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer in Tribulation.

O God, who despisest not the Tears of the Contrite, nor contemnest the Sighs of them that mourn; attend to our Prayers which we pour out before thee in our Distress and Tribulation, and mercifully hear them; that whatever the Malice of Man, or Subtilty of Satan may attempt against us, may, by the Wisdom of thy Providence, be dash'd and brought to nothing; so that being hurt by no Adversities, but delivered from all Affliction and Sorrow, we may joyfully yield Thanks to thee in thy Church. Forgive, O Lord, our Sins, and grant us thy Mercy; look down upon our low and sad Condition, pity our many Miseries, and break asunder the Bounds which oppress us; and in all our Necessities graciously hear us when we call upon thee, through our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*; who,

who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A Recommendation of yourself to God.

O Holy Trinity, hear me a most miserable Sinner, and keep me from all Evil, from all Occasions of offending thee, from all mortal Sin, from the Deceits of the Devil, and of all my Enemies, visible and invisible; by the Prayers of the Patriarchs, by the Merits of the Prophets, by the Suffrages of the Apostles, by the Constancy of Martyrs, by the Faith of Confessors, by the Chastity of Virgins, and by the Intercession of all Saints, who have pleased thee from the Beginning of the World. *Amen.*

HAIL! you blessed Angelical Spirits, who, with most sweet Melody, sing Praises to our Lord, and continually rejoice in his glorious Presence; have Compassion on me, dwelling here below in this Valley of Miseries: And thou especially, O holy Angel, Guardian of my Soul and Body, to whose Care I am committed by the special Commandment of God, I beseech thee to perform thy Office towards me diligently and faithfully, keeping and protecting me this Day from Evil as well visible as invisible. *Amen.*

Conclusion.

LORD have Mercy on us. *Christ* have Mercy on us.
Lord have Mercy on us. Our Father, &c.

Vers. And lead us not into Temptation.

Resp. But deliver us from Evil. *Amen.*

Vers. Confirm, O God, what thou hast wrought in us.

Resp. From thy holy Temple which is in Jerusalem.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let

Let us pray.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Help of thy Grace, that the Things which by thy Instructions we know are to be done, we may by thy Assistance perfectly accomplish, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Vers. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to render eternal Life to our Benefactors alive and dead.

Resp. Amen.

A Prayer after the Office.

ACCEPT, O most gracious God, by the Prayers and Merits of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, and of all Saints, the Office of our Service: If by thy Grace we have performed any thing according to our Duty, in thy Clemency regard it; and what we have done with Negligence, mercifully Pardon it. Who liveth and reigneth, one God in perfect Trinity, World without End. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

THE overflowing Fountain of Being conserve me: The Almighty Power protect me: The All-knowing Wisdom direct and govern me: The infinite Goodness advance and perfect me: The Eternal Father make me his Child: The Eternal Son make me Co-heir of his Kingdom: The Eternal Spirit fill my Heart with his Love: The incomprehensible Trinity glorify me with the Beatific Vision. *Amen.*

O *Jesus*, who art *Alpha* and *Omega*, the First and the Last, God and Man, whose gracious Providence extends itself from one End of the World to the other; let thy Blessing be to us all Safety and Protection of Body and Soul against all our Enemies visible and invisible, now and for ever. *Amen.*

May the Divine Assistance remain with us for ever. *Amen.*

EVENING

EVENING PRAYERS

FOR

SUNDAY.

INTRODUCTION.

COME Holy Ghost, replenish the Hearts of thy Faithful, and kindle in them the Fire of thy Love.

Lord have Mercy on us. Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us. Our Father, &c.

Vers. And lead us not into Temptation.

Resp. But deliver us from Evil.

Vers. Be mindful of thy Congregation, O Lord.

Resp. Which thou hast possessed from the Beginning.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

ENLIGHTEN our Minds, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Light of thy Grace, that we may see what is our Duty to do ; and that when we see it, we may be enabled to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, World without End. *Amen,*

A Prayer before Beginning any Office.

PREVENT, we beseech thee, O Lord, our Actions by thy holy Inspiration, and carry them on by thy gracious Assistance, that every Prayer and Work of ours may begin always from thee, and by thee be happily ended, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Vers.

Vers. Incline unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c. *Alleluia.*

The 109th Psalm.

This prophetick Psalm, both by the Title, and by what our Saviour himself said of it, is certainly of David's Making. It contains a Prophecy concerning the Messias, as the Jews themselves did own, when our Saviour confuted them out of it. It declares that the Messias shall sit at the Right-hand of God, and shall reign among the Nations ; that his Priesthood shall be eternal ; that Kings shall fall before him, and that all shall be overcome by him.

THE Lord said to my Lord, sit on my Right-hand,

Until I make thy Enemies the Foot-stool of thy Feet.

The Lord will send forth the Rod of thy Power out of Sion : Rule thou in the Midst of thy Enemies.

With thee is the Principality in the Day of thy Power ; in the Brightness of the Saints, before the Day-Star I begat thee out of the Womb.

The Lord sware, and he will not repent : Thou art a Priest for ever, according to the Order of Melchisedech.

The Lord, on thy Right-hand, hath broken down Kings in the Day of his Wrath.

He will judge in the Nations ; he will fill Ruins ; he will crush the Heads in the Land of many.

He shall drink of the Torrent by the Way ; therefore he will exalt his Head.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 112th Psalm.

This Psalm contains an Exhortation to praise God for his Greatness and Glory, and above all for his Goodness towards the Sons of Men in taking care even of the

the meanest amongst them, and raising them sometimes to the Degree of Princes, as it happen'd in the Person of David himself.

PRAISE ye our Lord, O Children, praise ye the Name of our Lord.

Blessed be the Name of our Lord, from this present and for ever.

From the Rising of the Sun, unto the Setting of it, the Name of our Lord is to be praised.

Our Lord is high above all Nations, and his Glory above the Heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, that dwells on high, and beholds the low Things in Heaven and Earth ?

Raising up the Needy from the Earth, and lifting up the Poor out of the Dunghill ;

To place him with the Princes, with the Princes of his People.

Who makes the Barren Woman dwell in her House, a joyful Mother of Children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, &c.

The 121st Psalm.

This Psalm, in the literal Sense, expresses the Joy of the People of Israel, when they went to offer their Sacrifices in Jerusalem ; and in the spiritual Sense, it ought to be apply'd to the Desire the Faithful shall have of entring into the heavenly Jerusalem.

I Rejoiced at the Things which were said to me ; we shall go into the House of our Lord.

Our Feet were standing in thy Courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a City ; whose Participation is all together.

For thither did the Tribes ascend, the Tribes of our Lord, the Testimony of *Israel*, to confess to the Name of our Lord.

Because

Because Seats sat there in Judgment, Seats upon the House of *David*.

Ask ye the Things that are for the Peace of *Jerusalem*, and Abundance to them that love thee.

May Peace be in thy Power, and Abundance in thy Towers.

For the Sake of my Brethren, and of my Neighbours, I spake Peace of thee.

For the Sake of the House of the Lord our God, I sought the Things that were good unto thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 126th Psalm.

This Psalm declares that the Labours of Men are vain, unless God give Success to them.

UNless the Lord build the House, they have labour'd in vain that build it.

Unless the Lord guard the City, he watches in vain that guards it.

It is in vain for you to rise before the Light ; rise after ye have sitten, ye who eat the Bread of Sorrow.

When he shall give sleep to his Beloved. Behold the Inheritance of the Lord is Children, the Reward of the Fruit of the Womb.

As Arrows in the Hands of the Mighty, so are the Children of them that are shaken off.

Blessed is the Man that hath filled his Desire of them ; he shall not be confounded, when he shall speak to his Enemies in the Gate.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 147th Psalm.

This Psalm was made when the Jews had rebuilt the Walls of Jerusalem, in Praise of God's Providence over all his Creatures, and of his particular Mercy towards the Israelites.

O *Jerusalem*,

O *Jerusalem*, praise the Lord : Praise thy God,
O *Sion*.

Because he hath strengthen'd the Locks of thy
Gates; he hath blessed thy Children in thee.

Who hath placed Peace in thy Borders, and fills
thee with the Fat of thy Corn.

Who sends forth his Speech to the Earth, his
Word runs swiftly.

Who gives Snow as Wool, scatters Mist as Ashes.

He showers down his Chrystal as Morsels : Who
will abide before the Face of his Cold ?

He will send forth his Word, and will melt them :
His Spirit will breathe, and Waters shall flow.

Who declares his Word to *Jacob*, his Justice and
Judgments to *Israel*.

He hath not done in such a Manner to any Na-
tion ; and his Judgments he hath not made mani-
fest to them.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Chapter, Eccles. 24.

FR OM the Beginning, and before all Ages, I
was created, and unto the World to come I
shall not cease ; and in the holy Habitation I have
ministr'd before him.

Reſp. Thanks be to God.

T H E H Y M N.

Ave Maris Stella.

BRIGH T Mother of our Maker, hail !

Thou Virgin ever bleſt !

The Ocean's Star, by which we fail,

And gain the Port of Rest.

Whilſt we this *Ave* thus to thee

From *Gabriel's Mouth* rehearſe ;

Prevail that Peace our Lot may be,

And *Eva's Name* reverſe.

Release our long entangled Mind

From

From all the Snares of Ill ;
 With heavenly Light instruct the Blind,
 And all our Vows fulfill.

Exert for us a Mother's Care,
 And us thy Children own ;
 Prevail with him to hear our Prayer,
 Who chose to be thy Son.

O Spotless Maid ! whose Virtues shine
 With brightest Purity :
 Each Action of our Lives refine,
 And make us pure like thee.

Preserve our Lives unstain'd with Ill
 In this infectious Way ;
 That Heaven alone our Souls may fill
 With Joys that ne'er decay.

To God the Father endless Praife ;
 To God the Son the same ;
 And Holy Ghost, whose equal Rays
 One equal Glory claim. *Amen.*
Vers. Grace is poured out on thy Lips.
Repf. Therefore God has blessed thee for ever.
The Song of the blessed Virgin Mary, Luke 2.

MY Soul doth magnify the Lord :
 And my Spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the Meanness of his
 Handmaid ; for behold from henceforth all Generations
 shall call me Blessed.

For he that is Mighty hath done great Things
 to me ; and his Name is Holy.

And his Mercy is from Generation to Generation
 on them that fear him.

He hath done powerfully with his Arm ; he hath
 dispersed the Proud in the Imagination of their Hearts.

He hath deposed the Mighty from their Seat, and
 hath exalted the Humble.

The

The Hungry he hath filled with good Things,
and the Rich he hath sent away empty.

He hath received *Israel* his Child, being mindful
of his Mercy.

As he spake to our Fathers, to *Abraham*, and
his Seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Antiphon.

O Blessed Mother, and immaculate Virgin, glo-
rious Queen of the World, make Intercession
for us to our Lord.

Lord have Mercy on us. *Christ* have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Reff. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord God, we beseech thee, that
we thy Servants may enjoy perpetual Health
of Mind and Body, and that, by the glorious In-
tercession of the ever blessed Virgin *Mary*, we may
be delivered from present Sorrow, and possess ever-
lasting Joy; through our Lord *Jesus*, &c.

The Antiphon.

O All ye Saints of God, vouchsafe to intercede for
our Salvation, and for that of all Persons.

Vers. Be glad in our Lord, and rejoice ye Just.

Reff. And glory all ye Right in Heart.

Let us pray.

PROTECT thy People, O Lord: And as we con-
fide in the Patronage of thy Apostles *Peter* and
Paul, and of thy other Apostles, so preserve and
defend us continually.

MA Y all thy Saints, we beseech thee, O Lord,
every-where assist us; that whilst we celebrate
their Merits, we may find their Patronage. Grant
us thy Peace in our Time, and drive away all Wick-
edness

edness from thy Church. Direct our Ways, Actions and Desires, and those of all thy Servants, in the Prosperity of thy saving Conduct: Grant to our Benefactors, eternal Blessings, and to the Faithful departed, Everlasting Rest, through our Lord Jesus, &c. Amen.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Vers. Bless we our Lord.

Resp. Thanks be to God.

Vers. May the Souls of the Faithful, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace.

Resp. Amen.

A Prayer to God the Son, beseeching him for Mercy by his sweet and blessed Name Jesus.

O Good Jesus, O most bountiful Jesus, O dearest Jesus, O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, full of Mercy and Pity: O sweet Jesus, according to thy great Compassion, have mercy on me: O most merciful Jesus, I humbly beseech thee, by that precious Blood which thou shedd'st for the World, to wash away all my Iniquities; and vouchsafe to look down upon me, a wretched and unworthy Sinner, humbly craving Pardon, and calling on thy Holy Name Jesus.

O Name Jesus, a Name most precious and delightful: For, what is Jesus but a Saviour? Therefore, O Jesus, for thy holy Name, be to me a Jesus, and save me: Suffer me not to be damn'd, whom thou hast created out of nothing: O good Jesus, let not my Iniquity be the Destruction of me, whom thy Almighty Goodness hath made. O sweet Jesus, own what is thine, and wipe off what belongs not to thee. O most bountiful Jesus, have Mercy on me now whilst the Time of Forgiving lasts, lest thou condemn me, when the Time of Judging

Judging comes. What Profit can there be in my Blood, if I descend into eternal Perdition? The Dead praise thee not, nor all those that go down into Hell. O most loving Jesus, O most desirable Jesus, O meekest Jesus, O Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, inroll me in the Number of thy Elect. O Jesus, the Salvation of those that believe in thee. O Jesus, the Comfort of such as fly to thee. O sweet Jesus, the Remission of all Sins. O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, pour into my Soul the Graces of Wisdom and Charity, of Chastity and Humility; that with all that call on thy Name, which is Jesus, I may perfectly love thee, praise thee, enjoy thee, serve thee, and glory in thee. Amen.

O God, the Protector of those that hope in thee, multiply on us thy Mercy; that by thy Direction and Conduct we may so pass through temporal Goods, as not to lose those that are eternal. Amen.

A Prayer or Salutation to the glorious Virgin MARY.

HAIL Mary, most humble Handmaid of the Blessed Trinity. Hail Mary, most chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, most admirable Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hail Mary, Queen of Angels, and of all Saints, be thou with me by thy Intercession in all my Troubles and Afflictions; and in the Hour of my Death receive, I beseech thee, my Soul, and offer it to thy sweet Son Jesus, that for thy Sake he may accept it, and place it among the blessed Choirs of Celestial Spirits. Amen.

A Prayer to all the blessed Saints.

O Blessed Saints of Paradise, the glorious Citizens of Heaven, as I render most humble Thanks to God for all the Good he hath done you; so I beseech you to remember me in your Prayers, and obtain for me the intire Remission of my Sins, the Amendment of my Life, and Imitation of your good Spirit,

Spirit, and holy Graces, that I may be perfectly reconciled to my Saviour, and always please him ; but especially I recommend to you the Hour of my Death, that by your holy Intercession my Soul may depart this World in the Grace of God, and immediately come to Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Here say the Conclusion, as it is at the End of the Morning Prayers for this Day pag. 59, and 60.

At COMPLINE

CONVERT us, O Lord our Saviour.

Resp. And turn away thy Anger from us.

Vers. Incline unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 128th Psalm.

This Psalm foretells the Punishment which shall fall upon those who persecute the Just.

OF TEN have they assaulted me from my Youth ; let *Israel* now say :

Often have they assaulted me from my Youth ; for they had no Power against me.

Sinners have worked upon my Back ; they have prolonged their Iniquity.

Our just Lord hath cut the Necks of Sinners : Let all be confounded, and turned backward, that hate *Sion*.

Let them become as Hay on the Tops of Houses, which is withered before it be plucked up.

Whereof he that reapeth hath not filled his Hand ; nor he that gathers the Sheaves, his Bosom.

And they who passed by said not, the Blessing of the Lord be upon you ; we have blessed you in the Name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The

The 129th Psalm.

This Psalm is an excellent Model for Sinners that implore the Mercy of the Lord: And it is particularly applied by the Church to beg his Mercy for the Dead as well as for the Living.

FR OM the Depths I have cried out unto thee,
O Lord: Lord hear my Voice.

Let thy Ears be attentive to the Voice of my Petition.

If thou wilt keep Account of Iniquities, O Lord: Lord, who will undergo it?

Because there is Propitiation with thee; and by reason of thy Law I have expected thee, O Lord.

My Soul hath expected on his Word; my Soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the Morning Watch, until Night; let *Israel* hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is Mercy, and with him plentiful Redemption.

And he will redeem *Israel* out of all his Iniquities.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 130th Psalm.

It is generally believed that David made this Psalm when he was accused by Saul and his Courtiers of ambitious Designs to make himself King: He appeals to God that he was unjustly accused, and that his Heart was free from any such Ambition.

LORD, my Heart is not exalted; nor are my Eyes lifted up.

Nor have I walked in great Matters, nor in marvellous Things above myself.

If I was not humbly minded, but exalted my Soul, As the weaned Child is towards its Mother, so let my Soul be rewarded.

Let *Israel* hope in our Lord, from this present and for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, &c.

T H E

THE HYMN.

Memento rerum Conditor.

REmember, you, O gracious Lord,
Th' eternal God's co-equal Word,
In Virgin's Womb a Creature made,
Our Nature wore for Nature's Aid.

O happy *Mary*, chose to be
Mother of Grace and Clemency !
Protect us at the Hour of Death,
And bear to Heaven our Parting Breath.

May Age to Age for ever sing
The Virgin's Son and Angel's King,
And praise, with the celestial Host,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Chapter. Eccl. 24.

IAm the Mother of beautiful Love, and of Fear,
and of Knowledge, and of holy Hope.

Resp. Thanks be to God.*Vers.* Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

Resp. That we may be made worthy of the
Promises of *Christ*.

The Song of Simeon. Luke 2.

NO W thou dost dismiss thy Servant, O Lord,
according to thy Word, in Peace.

Because my Eyes have seen thy Salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the Face of
all People.A Light for the Illumination of the *Gentiles*,
and to the Glory of thy People *Israel*.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Antiphon.

WE fly under thy Protection, O holy Mother
of God : Despise not our Petitions in our
Necessities ; but always deliver us from all Dan-
gers, O glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Lord

Lord have Mercy on us. Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Vers. Lord hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the glorious Intercession of the ever blessed and glorious Virgin *Mary* may protect us, and bring us to Life everlasting, through our Lord *Jesus Christ*.

Resp. Amen.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Vers. Bless we our Lord.

Resp. Thanks be to God.

Our Father, &c. Hail *Mary*, &c. I believe in God, &c.

WE beseech thee, O Creator of all Things, to preserve us this Night, according to thy usual Mercy, from all Danger both of Body and Soul; that we may rise again to praise thee; and every Day advance in the Work of our Salvation; through *Jesus Christ*, &c.

O All ye blessed Saints of Heaven, and angelical Spirits, whom God renders joyful and happy for all Eternity with the Brightness of his Presence, pray for me. I salute and honour you: I give Praise and Thanks to our Lord, for having chosen you, and made you Partakers of his eternal Benedictions. Obtain for me the Forgiveness of my Sins, and Grace, that at the End of this frail Life I may be admitted to the Fruition of your heavenly Society; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord and Saviour, who, with the Father and the holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. *Amen.*

The LITANY in Honour of the B. TRINITY.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

Vers. O Lord thou wilt open my Lips.

Resp. And my Mouth shall set forth thy Praise.
Lord have Mercy on us. *Christ* have Mercy on us.
Lord have Mercy on us. *Jesus* receive our Prayers.
Lord *Jesus* grant our Petitions.

I. O God the Father, eternal Fountain of all
Being, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Father, who hast chosen us in thy Son,
before the Creation of the World, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Father, who didst so love the World,
as to give thy only begotten Son to redeem it,
Have Mercy on us.

O God the Father, who hast adopted us to be
thy Children in *Jesus Christ*, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Father, who hast prepared for us a
glorious Inheritance, if we love thee, and keep thy
Commandments, *Have Mercy on us.*

II. O God the Son, Eternal Word of the Fa-
ther, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Son, who, to save us Sinners, took'st
upon thee the frail Nature of Man, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Son, who for our Redemption be-
cam'st obedient unto Death, even the Death of the
Cross, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Son, to whom all Power in Heaven and
Earth is given by the Father, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Son, who, at the last and dreadful
Day, wilt come with Glory to judge the Living
and the Dead, *Have Mercy on us.*

III. O

III. O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, by whom was wrought the glorious Mystery of our Saviour's Incarnation, *Have Mercy on us,*

O God the Holy Ghost, the free Dispenser of all Graces, and Faithful Comforter in all Afflictions, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Enlightener of our Understandings, and Sanctifier of our Wills, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, the Pledge of our Adoption, and Seal of our Salvation, *Have Mercy on us.*

O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God, of equal Glory, and co-eternal Majesty, *Have Mercy on us.*

O Sacred Trinity, from whom, by whom, and in whom are all Things, *Have Mercy on us.*

O Sacred Trinity, to whom all the Angels and Saints of Heaven continually sing, Holy, Holy, Holy; *Have Mercy on us.*

Blessed for ever be thy Name, Eternal Father of our Lord *Jesus Christ.*

For the Immensity of thy Power, which at first created all Things of nothing, and still preserves them that they return not again to nothing, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy infinite Goodness, in making us after thy own Image, and appointing all the rest of thy Creatures to serve us, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the Riches of thy Bounty, which filleth every Thing according to its Capacity; and for the Wisdom of thy Counsels, which sweetly dispose, and irresistibly govern the whole Frame of the World, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy provident forewarning us against the Danger of Sin, by threatening Hell to our Offences;

and for thy gracious inviting us to our own Happiness, by promising Heaven as a Reward to our Obedience, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the eternal Charity, wherewith thou lovest us before the World began, and mercifully decreed'st to redeem us by thy Son, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

And blessed be thou, O Jesus, Son of God, and Saviour of Mankind.

For thy infinite Glory in thyself, and thy infinite Love towards us, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy miraculous Conception by the Holy Ghost, and thy humble Birth from the blessed Virgin; for thy Flight into *Egypt* at so tender an Age, and all the Inconveniences which thou suffer'dst in thy Banishment, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy meek Subjection to thy Parents, even in the meanest Offices of a private Life; for thy condescension to the Form of a Servant, tho' thou wert Lord of all, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy Fasting and Retirement in the Desart; for thy Mildness and Benignity in Conversation; for thy heavenly Doctrine and glorious Miracles, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the inflamed Desire which thou had'st to redeem us, and compassionate Tears which thou shed'st over *Jerusalem*; for thy humble washing thy Disciples Feet, and loving Institution of the blessed Sacrament, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy Agony and bloody Sweat in that Garden of Sorrow; for thy intire Self-denial, and absolute Submission, not only to the Will of thy Father, but even to that of thy Enemies, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy incomparable Patience in their violent Seizure

Seizure of thy Person, and hurrying thee up and down the Streets of *Jerusalem*; for thy wonderful Silence, whilst they falsely accused, and unjustly condemned thy Innocence, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy perfect Resignation, whilst they shamefully stript thee of thy Cloaths, and cruelly scourged thee at a Pillar; for thy admirable Meekness, whilst they crowned thee with Thorns, and forced thee to carry thy Cross, which was laden with the Sins of the whole World, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy immoveable Constancy whilst they fastened thee on the Cross, piercing thy blessed Hands and Feet with Nails, and giving thee Vinegar and Gall to drink, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the infinite Sweetness of thy Spirit, whereby thou did'st excuse their Sin, and pray'dst thy Father to forgive them, till the Extremity of their Tortures took away thy Breath, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy glorious Resurrection from the Grave, and triumphant Ascension into Heaven; for sending the Holy Ghost to abide with thy Church for ever, and promising to be with us thyself to the End of the World, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

And blessed be thou, O God the Holy Ghost, who proceedest from the Father and the Son.

For thy continual Preservation of the Church, in Truth, Unity and Holiness; for infusing the Love of God into our Hearts, and comforting us in all our temporal Distresses with the Hope of eternal Felicity, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

Blessed for ever be thy Name, (O Sacred Trinity) for the infinite Nobility of thy Essence, and unspeakable Majesty of thy Glory, existing of thyself

from all Eternity, and perfectly Happy in thyself for ever, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the blessed Virgin *Mary*, Mother of our Lord *Jesus Christ*; for the admirable Sanctity of her Life, and her wonderful Assumption into Heaven at her Death; for the Crown of Glory, where-with she is honoured above all Angels; and for her perpetual Intercession to her Son in the Behalf of us Sinners, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For all the Holy Angels and blessed Spirits of Heaven; for the Excellence of their Nature, and Felicity of their State; for their keeping us in all our Ways, and ministring to us in all our Necessities; for their carrying up our Prayers to thee, and bringing down thy Blessings to us, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy holy Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles; for thy glorious Martyrs, Confessors and Virgins, and for all the Faithful departed in thy Grace, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For thy One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church; for the Steadiness of Faith and Peace of Conscience, which we experience by relying on her Authority; for the adorable Sacrifice of the Altar, and the plentiful Means of Salvation, which we so happily enjoy, by embracing her Communion, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the particular Benefits bestowed upon us, and the many Dangers from which thou hast defended us; for our Education, Health, Condition, and State of Life; for our daily Bread, and all thy other temporal Blessings, *My Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the Checks of our own Conscience, and the Motions of thy Holy Spirit; for thy Patience in expecting our Repentance, and for the Opportunities

nities which thou offereſt us of amending our Lives ;
for our frequent Deliverances from the Occasions
of Sin, and for all thy other ſpiritual Blessings, *My
Soul doth magnify thee, O Lord, and my Spirit re-
joiceth in God my Saviour.*

Be thou exalted, O God, above the Clouds ;
and thy Glory above the Heavens.

Whilſt I live I will ſanctify thy Name ; I will
ſing Praifes to my God, while I have any Being.

Bleſs our Lord, O my Soul ; and all that is with-
in me praise his holy Name.

Bleſs our Lord, O my Soul ; and forget not all
his Benefits.

Thus will I magnify the Lord all my Life long,
and lift up my Hands to his holy Throne.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever
ſhall be, World without End. *Amen.*

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Reſp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Almighty and ever living God, from whom de-
ſcends every good and perfect Gift, graciously
accept this humble Tribute of Praise and Thank-
giving from the Hands of thy Servants ; and mer-
cifully grant, that the frequent Meditation of thy
infinite Goodnesſ may force our Wills to love thee
above all Things, and the ſerious Consideration of
thy incomprehensible Majesty captivate our Under-
ſtandings to the Obedience of Faith, that we may
here (in Reverence to thy Word) believe what we
do not ſee, and hereafter in the bliſful Vision of
thy Glory ſee more than we now believe ; through
Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour, who, with

thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. *Amen.*

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be with me, and dwell on me for ever.

Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers for this Day, Pages 59 and 60.

MORNING PRAYERS FOR MONDAY.

Say the Introduction, as in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, Page 36, and end at the last Resp. Page 37.

The 94th Psalm.

COME let us rejoice to the Lord ; let us sing joyfully to God our Saviour; let us make haste to approach his Presence in Confession, and in Psalms let us joyfully sing unto him.

Come let us adore the King.

To whom all Things live.

Because our Lord is a great God, and a great King above all Gods ; because our Lord will not cast off his People : For in his Hands are all the Bounds of the Earth, and he beholds the Tops of the Mountains.

Come let us adore.

Because the Sea is his, and he made it, and his Hands founded the dry Land : Come let us adore and fall down before God ; let us lament before the Lord

Lord that made us, because he is the Lord our God : And we are his People, and the Sheep of his Pasture.

Come let us adore the King.

To whom all Things live.

This Day if ye shall hear his Voice, harden not your Hearts, as in the Provocation, according to the Day of Temptation in the Wildernes, where your Fathers tempted me ; they tried and saw my Works.

Come let us adore.

Forty Years was I nigh to this Generation, and said, they always err in their Hearts, and have not known my Ways : To whom I sware in my Wrath if they shall enter into my Rest.

Come let us adore the King.

To whom all Things live.

Give them, O Lord, eternal Rest.

And let perpetual Light shine unto them.

Come let us adore.

Come let us adore the King.

To whom all Things live.

The 5th Psalm.

This Psalm seems to have been made by David when he was set upon by wicked Men. He begs of God to hear his Prayers : He prays against the Impious, foretelling their deserved Punishments, and comforts the Pious and the Just with the Hope of Reward.

GIVE ear, O Lord, unto my Words ; understand my Cry.

Attend to the Voice of my Prayer, my King and my God.

Because I will pray unto thee, O Lord ; in the Morning thou wilt hear my Voice.

In the Morning I will stand before thee ; and see, that thou art not a God that willest Iniquity.

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Nor shall the Malignant dwell near thee ; nor
the Unjust abide before thy Eyes.

Thou hatest all that work Iniquity ; thou wilt de-
stroy all that speak Lies.

Our Lord will abhor a bloody and deceitful Man :
But I, in the Multitude of thy Mercy,

Will enter into thy House : I will adore at thy
Holy Temple in thy Fear.

Lord, conduct me in thy Justice ; by reason of
my Enemies, direct my Way in thy Sight.

Because there is no Truth in their Mouth ; their
Heart is hollow.

Their Throat is a gaping Sepulchre ; they dealt
deceitfully with their Tongues ; judge them, O
God.

Let them fail of their Designs ; according to the
Multitude of their Impieties, drive them out : Be-
cause they have provoked thee, O Lord.

And let all be glad that hope in thee ; they shall
rejoice for ever, and thou wilt dwell among them.

And all that love thy Name shall glory in thee :
Because thou wilt bless the Just.

Lord, as with a Shield, of thy good Will, thou
hast crowned us.

Give them, O Lord, eternal Rest.

And let perpetual Light shine unto them.

The 7th Psalm.

*This Psalm was made by David, as most Interpreters
believe, in the Time of his Persecution under Saul.
It contains excellent Instructions for repenting Sin-
ners.*

O Lord my God, I have hoped in thee ; save me
from all that persecute me, and deliver me.

Lest at any Time he violently take away my
Soul like a Lion, whilst there is none to redeem, nor
save.

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O Lord my God, if I have done this Thing :
If there be Iniquity in my Hands :

If I have repaid to them that returned me Evils :
Let me be deservedly cast down empty by mine Enemies.

Let the Enemy persecute my Soul, and seize it,
and trample down my Life into the Earth, and
bring down my Glory into Dust.

Arise, Lord, in thy Wrath : and be exalted in
the Borders of my Enemies.

And arise, O Lord my God, in the Precept
which thou hast commanded ; and a Synagogue of
People will encompass thee. And by reason of this
return on high ; the Lord judgeth Peoples.

Judge me, O Lord, according to my Justice,
and according to my Innocence that is in me.

The Wickedness of Sinners shall be consumed ;
and thou wilt direct the Just, O God, who search-
est the Hearts and Reins.

Just is my Help from the Lord, who saveth the
Righteous of Heart.

God is a just Judge, strong and patient : Is he
angry every Day ?

Unless you be converted, he will brandish his
Sword ; he hath bent his Bow and made it ready.

And in it he hath prepared Weapons of Death :
He hath made his Arrows with fiery Points.

Behold he hath been in Travail with Injustice ;
he hath conceived Sorrow, and brought forth In-
iquity.

He hath opened a Pit, and digged it up : And he
is fallen into the Ditch which he made.

His Sorrows shall be turned upon his Head, and
his Iniquity shall descend upon the Crown of his
Head.

I will confess to the Lord, according to his Jus-
tice ;

tice ; and will sing to the Name of our Lord the most High.

Give them, O Lord, &c.

The 22d Psalm.

David, under the Similitude of a Shepherd leading his Flock, shews what Care God has had over him, and what great Benefits he had received from the Divine Majesty.

THE Lord ruleth me, and nothing shall be wanting to me : In a Place of Pasture, there he hath placed me.

Upon the Water of Refreshment he hath brought me up : He hath converted my Soul.

He hath conducted me in the Paths of Justice for his Name's Sake.

For altho' I should walk in the midst of the Shadow of Death, I will not fear Evils, because thou art with me.

Thy Rod, and thy Staff, they have comforted me.

Thou hast prepared in my Sight a Table against them that afflict me.

Thou hast anointed my Head with Oil ; and my inebriating Cup, how excellent it is !

And thy Mercy shall attend me all the Days of my Life ;

And to dwell in the House of the Lord for length of Days.

Give them, &c.

The Antiphon.

LEST at any Time he snatch away my Soul as a Lion, whilst there is none to redeem or to save it.

Vers. From the Gate of Hell,

Resp. O Lord, deliver their Souls.

The Antiphon.

I Am the Resurrection, and the Life ; he that believes in me, tho' he be dead, shall live ; and every one that lives and believes in me, shall not die for ever.

I Believe my Redeemer liveth, and that in the last Day I shall rise out of the Earth, and in my Flesh shall see God my Saviour ; whom I myself shall see and not another, and my Eyes shall behold. And in my Flesh I shall see God my Saviour.

Thou, who didst raise *Lazarus* stinking out of the Grave, give them Rest, O Lord, and a Place of Respite. Who art to come to judge the Living and the Dead, and the World by Fire ; give them Rest, O Lord, and a Place of Respite.

Lord, when thou comest to judge the Earth, where shall I hide myself from the Face of thy Wrath ? For I have sinned exceedingly in my Life. I tremble at my Misdeeds, and blush before thee ; when thou comest to judge, do not condemn me ; for I have sinned exceedingly in my Life.

O God, be mindful of me ; for my Life is a Blast. And let not the Eyes of Man behold me. From the Depths I have cried out to thee, O Lord ; Lord, hear my Voice. And let not the Eyes of Man behold me.

Alas ! Lord, I have sinned exceedingly in my Life-time : Wretch ! what shall I do, and whither shall I fly but to thee, my God ? Have Mercy on me, when thou comest at the last Day. My Soul is very much troubled ; but do thou, O Lord, succour it. Have Mercy on me when thou comest at the last Day.

Remember not, O Lord, my Sins, when thou comest to judge the World by Fire. Direct, O Lord

Lord my God, my Way in thy Sight, when thou comest to judge the World by Fire.

The Fear of Death troubles me, sinning daily, and not repenting ; for in *Hell* there is no Redemption. Have Mercy on me, O God, and save me. O God, in thy Name save me, and in thy Strength deliver me ; for in *Hell* there is no Redemption. Have Mercy on me, O God, and save me.

O Lord, judge me not according to my Deeds ; for I have done nothing that is worthy in thy Sight : Therefore I humbly pray thy Majesty, O God, to blot out my Iniquity. Wash me, O Lord, yet more from my Injustice, and from my Sin cleanse me. To blot out my Iniquity.

Deliver me, O Lord, from the Ways of *Hell* ; thou who didst break the brazen Gates, and visit *Hell* ; and give Light to them to behold thee, who were in the Pains of Darkness, crying, and saying, Thou art come, O our Redeemer, who wert in the Pains of Darkness.

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal Death, on that dreadful Day when the Heavens and Earth are to be moved, when thou comest to judge the World by Fire. I tremble and fear, when the Examination is to be, and the Wrath to come ; when the Heavens and Earth are to be moved, when thou comest to judge the World by Fire. That Day is a Day of Anger, of Calamity and Misery ; a great Day and very bitter ; when thou comest to judge the World by Fire. Give them, O Lord, eternal Rest, and let perpetual Light shine unto them. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal Death, on that dreadful Day when the Heavens and the Earth are to be moved, when thou shalt come to judge the World by Fire.

For Souls lately departed.

O Lord, we commend to thee, and to thy infinite Clemency, the Souls of thy Servants lately departed this Life: According to thy Mercy pardon them, we beseech thee, those Sins which they have committed through human Frailty, that they may live with thee in the Kingdom of everlasting Bliss. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Souls of our Parents, &c.

O God, by whom all Things live, and through whom our Bodies, destroyed by Death, are to be changed into better: We most humbly beseech thee, command the Souls of thy Servants to be received by the Hands of the holy Angels, and brought unto their heavenly Country: Pardon them mercifully all the Sins which they have committed; that they may live with thee in eternal Light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Another for the same.

O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, who art the God of the Living and not of the Dead: Look mercifully on all thy Servants whom thou hast received into another Life: Pardon what through Frailty they have committed; command thy holy Angels to carry them into the Bosoms of thy Patriarchs and Apostles, into the Place of perpetual Repose, where there is neither Sorrow nor Grief, nor Fear, but an Assembly of innumerable Saints, rejoicing in the Country of the Happy and Just, and eternally seeing the Glory of thy Christ. Through whom be to thee all Honour, Worship, and Adoration in the Holy Ghost for ever. *Amen.*

For such Souls as have no particular Intercessors.

O Merciful God, take Pity on those Souls who have no particular Friends to recommend them to thee, nor any Comfort in their Torments, who either through the Negligence of those that are alive, or through Length of Time, are forgotten by their Friends and Posterity : Spare them, O Lord, and preserve the noble Work of thy Hands. Let not the Glory due to thy Name be given to any other. They are thy Workmanship ; vouchsafe to look upon them, and deliver them from their intolerable Pains and Torments, and place them in the Number of thy blessed Saints and celestial Citizens. Grant this, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A Prayer in general for the Dead.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the Faithful, give to the Souls of thy Servants the Remission of all their Sins, that by pious Supplications they may obtain the Pardon they ever wished for : Who livest and reignest, World without End. *Amen.*

T H E H Y M N.

Immense Cœli Conditor.

CREATOR God, immense and wise !
At whose command the liquid Skies
Around the World in Order flow,
With Streams above and Streams below :
To each assigning Veins and Ways,
By which that Element allays
The wasting Fires of barren Earth,
And fits the Soil for fruitful Birth.

So, gracious God, mayst thou impart
Thy Streams of Grace t'enrich our Heart ;
Lest Sin's consuming Fires decay
Our Tenement of fruitless Clay.

May Faith improve our inward Sight,
And guide our Wills with heavenly Light ;
That no vain Fires may lead astray,
Nor Errors shroud that glorious Ray.

In this, most gracious Father, hear,
Through Christ, thy equal Son, our Pray'r ;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Resides and reigns eternally.

The Antiphon.

WHAT do you think of Christ ? Whose Son
is he ? They all said to him, The Son of
David. Jesus said to them, How then does David
in Spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said to
my Lord, sit on my Right-hand.

Verf. May my Prayer be directed, O Lord,

Resp. As Incense in thy Sight.

The Prayer.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, to thy
People, to avoid all the Infections of Sin, and
with pure Minds to follow thee, the only God :
Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who, with
thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one
God, for ever and ever.

The LITANY for the DEAD.



LORD have Mercy on us.
Christ have Mercy on us.
Lord have Mercy on us.
Jesus receive our Prayers.

Lord

Lord Jesus grant our Petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the World, *Hast Mercy on the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Deliver the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect, *Accomplish the Bliss of the Faithful departed.*

O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God, *Give Rest to the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Virgin Mary, who by a special Privilege of Grace wert triumphantly assumed into the Kingdom of thy Son, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Angels, who ordering aright the first Act of your Will, were immediately settled in an unchangeable State of Felicity, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Patriarchs, whose Spirits were filled with Joy, when the Desired of all Nations brought Redemption to your long Captivity, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Prophets, who having patiently attended the Coming of the *Messias* were at length refreshed with the happy Visit of his Divine Person, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

O all you blessed Saints, who at the glorious Resurrection of our Saviour, were by him translated from the Bosom of *Abraham* to the clear Vision of God, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Apostles, who at the last and terrible Day, shall sit on twelve Thrones, judging the twelve Tribes of *Israel*, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Disciples of our Lord, who following his sacred Steps in the narrow Path of Perfection, went strait

strait on to the heavenly Jerusalem, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Martyrs, who passing through the Red-Sea of your own Blood, without journeying thro' a tedious Wilderness, entered immediately into the Land of Promise, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Confessors, who despising the Vanities here below, and placing your Affections intirely on the Joys above, are already arrived to the full Possession of all your Wishes, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Blessed Virgins, who watching continually with your Lamps prepared were ready at the first Voice of the chaste Spouse of Heaven to enter with him into the Marriage Chamber, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

O all you holy Saints, who not retaining at your Deaths the least irregular Adherence to any Creature, were perfectly capable of an immediate Union with your Creator, *Pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

Be merciful, O Lord, *and pardon their Sins.*

Be merciful, O Lord, *and hear our Prayers.*

From the Shades of Death, where they sit deprived of the blissful Light of thy Countenance, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From the Evils to which their defective Mortifications in this World have exposed them in the other, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From thy Anger, which now too late they grieve to have provoked by their Negligence and Ingratitude, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From the Bonds of Sin, wherein they remain intangled by the Disorder of their Affections, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From

From the Pains of Purgatory, justly inflicted on them as the proper Effects of their Sins, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From that dreadful Prison, whence there is no Release till they have paid the utmost Farthing, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From all their Torments, incomparably greater than the sharpest Pains of this Life, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By the Multitude of thy Mercies, which have always shewn Compassion on the Frailties of human Nature, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By the infinite Merits of thy Death upon the Cross, where thou reconciledst the World to thy Father, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy victorious Descent into Hell, to break asunder the Chains of Death, and free such as were imprisoned, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy glorious Resurrection from the Grave, when thou openedst the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy triumphant Ascension into Heaven, when thou ledst Captivity captive, and promisedst to prepare a Place for thy Servants, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy dreadful coming to judge the World, when the Works of every one shall be tried by Fire, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

We Sinners, beseech thee, hear us.

That it would please thee to hasten the Day of Visiting thy Faithful detained in the Receptacles of Sorrow, and transport them to the City of eternal Peace, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to shorten the Time of Expiation for their Sins, and graciously admit them into thy holy Sanctuary, where no unclean Thing can enter, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That

That it would please thee through the Prayers and Alms of thy Church, and especially the inestimable Sacrifice of thy holy Altar, to receive them into the Tabernacles of Rest, and crown their longing Hopes with everlasting Fruition, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the blessed Vision of Jesus may comfort them, and the glorious Light of his Cross shine upon them, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thy holy Angels may bring them into the Land of the Living, and the glorious Queen of Saints present them before thy Throne, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the venerable Patriarchs may meet them, and all the ancient Prophets rejoice to see them, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the sacred College of Apostles may open them the Gates of Bliss, and the victorious Army of Martyrs conduct them to thy Palace, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the blessed Company of Confessors may place them in Seats of eternal Glory, and the chaste Train of Virgins, with heavenly Anthems, congratulate their Reception, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the whole triumphant Church may celebrate the Jubilee of their Deliverance: And all the Choirs of Angels sing Hymns of Joy for their new and never-ending Felicity, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That in the midst of all these Triumphs, the Souls that are delivered may themselves adore the glorious Author of their Happiness, and in their white Robes eternally sing *Alleluia*, Salvation to our God that sits upon the Throne, and to the Lamb that redeemed us by his Blood, and made us Kings to reign with him for ever, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

O Lamb

O Lamb of God, who wilt come with Glory to judge the Living and the Dead, *Give Rest to the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

O Lamb of God, at whose Presence the Earth shall be moved, and the Heavens melt away, *Give Rest to the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

O Lamb of God, in whose blessed Book of Life all their Names are written, *Give eternal Rest to the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

The Antiphon.

DECKER us, O Lord, and all thy Faithful, in that Day of Terror, when the Sun and Moon shall be darkened, and the Stars fall down from Heaven; in that Day of Calamity and Amazement, when Heaven itself shall shake, and the Pillars of the Earth be moved, and the glorious Majesty of Jesus come, with innumerable Angels, to judge the World by Fire.

Verf. Deliver us, O Lord, in that dreadful Day;

Resp. And place us with the Blessed at thy Right-hand for ever.

Verf. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the Spirits of the Perfect, and in whose holy Custody are deposited the Souls of all those that depart hence in an inferior Degree of thy Grace, who, being by their imperfect Charity rendered unworthy of thy Presence, are detained in the State of Grief and suspended Hopes: As we bless thee for the Saints already admitted to thy Glory, so we humbly offer our Prayers for thy afflicted Servants, who continually wait and sigh after the Day of their Deliverance: Pardon their Sins, supply their Unpreparedness, and wipe away the Tears from their Eyes, that they may

may see thee, and in thy glorious Light eternally
rejoice. Through *Jesus Christ*, &c.

O Eternal God ! who, besides the general Precept of Charity, hast commanded a particular Respect to Parents, Kindred, and Benefactors ; grant, we beseech thee, that as they were the Instruments by which thy Providence bestowed on us our Birth, Education, and innumerable other Blessings, so our Prayers may be the Means to obtain for them a speedy Delivery from their excessive Sufferings, and free Admittance to thy infinite Joys. Through *Jesus*, &c.

MOST wise and merciful Lord ! who hast ordained this Life as a Passage to the future, confining our Repentance to the Time of our Pilgrimage here, and reserving for Hereafter the State of Punishment and Reward : Vouchsafe us thy Grace, who are yet alive, and still have Opportunity of Reconciliation with thee, so to watch over all our Actions, and correct every least Deviation from the true Way to Heaven, that we be neither surprised with our Sins uncancelled, nor with our Duties imperfect ; but when our Bodies go down into the Grave, our Souls may ascend to thee, and dwell for ever in the Mansions of eternal Felicity. Through *Jesus Christ* our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 59, and 60.

EVENING PRAYERS FOR MONDAY.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Evening Prayers for Sunday, pag. 61, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. pag. 62.

The 114th Psalm.

The Prophet in this Psalm gives Thanks to God for having delivered him from an imminent Danger, and promiseth Sacrifices of Praise to God for his Mercy shewn to him.

I Have loved, because our Lord will hear the Voice of my Prayer.

Because he hath inclined his Ear to me ; and in my Days I will call upon him.

The Pains of Death have surrounded me ; and the Perils of Hell have fallen upon me.

I have found Tribulation and Grief, and I have called on the Name of our Lord.

O Lord, deliver my Soul ; the Lord is compassionate and just ; and our God shews Mercy.

Our Lord preserves the little ones ; I was humbled, and he delivered me.

Turn back, my Soul, into thy Rest ; because our Lord hath done good to thee.

Because he hath delivered my Soul from Death, my Eyes from Tears, my Feet from Slipping.

I will please our Lord in the Land of the Living. Give them, O Lord, eternal Rest : And let perpetual Light shine upon them.

The

The Antiphon.

I Will please our Lord in the Land of the Living.

The 137th Psalm.

In this Psalm David thanks God for all the Benefits received from him, and expresseth his Assurance in the Divine Assistance for the future.

I Will confess to thee, O Lord, with my whole Heart; because thou hast heard the Words of my Mouth.

In the Sight of Angels I will sing to thee: I will adore at thy holy Temple, and confess to thy Name.

For thy Mercy and for thy Truth; because thou hast magnified thy Name above every Name.

In what Day soever I shall call on thee, hear me: Thou wilt multiply Strength in my Soul.

Let all the Kings of the Earth, O Lord, confess to thee; because they have heard all the Words of thy Mouth.

And let them sing in the Ways of the Lord; because the Glory of the Lord is great.

Because the Lord is high, and beholdeth the low Things; and the high Things he knoweth afar off.

If I shall walk in the midst of Tribulation, thou wilt keep me alive; And upon the Wrath of my Enemies thou hast stretched out thy Hand, and thy Right-hand hath saved me.

Our Lord will repay for me; O Lord, thy Mercy is for ever: Despise not the Works of thy Hands.

Give them, O Lord, &c.

The Antiphon.

D E S P I S E not, O Lord, the Works of thy Hands.

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The 145th Psalm.

In this Psalm are commemorated the Benefits of God bestowed upon Men ; and it declares that we ought to put our Trust in him alone.

PRAISE the Lord, O my Soul : I will praise the Lord while I live : I will sing to my God as long as I shall have a Being.

Trust not in Princes ; in the Children of Men, in whom there is no Salvation.

His Spirit shall go forth, and he shall return into his Earth : In that Day all their Thoughts shall perish.

Blessed is he whose Helper is the God of Jacob ; his Hope is in the Lord his God, who made the Heaven and the Earth, the Sea, and all Things that are in them.

Who keeps Truth for ever, doth Justice to them that suffer Wrong, gives Food to the Hungry.

Our Lord looseth the Fettered : Our Lord enlighteneth the Blind.

Our Lord lifts up the Bruised : Our Lord loves the Just.

Our Lord preserveth Strangers : He will receive the Fatherless and Widow : And will destroy the Ways of Sinners.

Our Lord will reign for ever, thy God, O Sion, from Generation to Generation.

Give them, O Lord, eternal Rest ;

And let perpetual Light shine unto them.

Vers. From the Gate of Hell,

Reſp. O Lord, deliver their Souls.

Vers. May they rest in Peace. *Reſp.* Amen.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Reſp. And let my Cry come to thee.

The Antiphon.

I Am the Resurrection and the Life : He that believes in me, tho' he be Dead, shall live ; and every

every one that lives, and believes in me, shall not die for ever.

Vers. I heard a Voice from Heaven, saying to me:

Resp. Blessed are the Dead who die in our Lord.

A Prayer or Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity for all Benefits.

O Blessed Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, my Maker, my Redeemer, my Comforter, my Defender, my Sweetness, my Mercy, my Refuge, my Strength, my Victory, my Joy, and my eternal Glory; I humbly adore thee, O blessed Trinity! for that thou art in thyself the highest Good, from which all other Goodness flows: Thou art essential Happiness: Thou art eternal Felicity: Thou art the only God, and there is none besides thyself.

I bless and glorify thee, O sacred Trinity! who of Nothing did'st frame Heaven and Earth, and all the Creatures therein; who did'st make the holy Angels to praise thee eternally in thy glorious Palace, and faithfully to assist us in this miserable Exile; who, to declare thy ineffable Goodness, created'st all Things for Man, and Man to thy own Image and Similitude, only for thyself, bestowing on him Understanding, and adorning him with Freewill. Blessed, O Lord, be thy Name, for this so inestimable a Gift.

Thou placed'st him in a Paradise flowing with Delights, that he might possess and govern all Things here below, and, taught by thy Blessings to love and serve thee, be transferr'd, after a certain Period of Time, to the Inheritance of eternal Bliss. Nor did'st thou make these noble Creatures, Angels and Men, for any Necessity thou had'st for them, since thou had'st within thyself what was abundantly sufficient for thy own eternal Joy and Glory: But

thou wert moved merely by thy Charity to create them, that they might be Partakers of thy ineffable Felicity.

I praise thy Mercy, O my God, that amongst all thy Works it pleased thee to make me a reasonable Creature, and bestow on me so many particular Blessings.

O merciful Lord, what shall I say to thee for all thy Benefits? What Praises and Thanks shall I yield thee? I confess myself unworthy to receive the least of thy Mercies, and unworthy to offer thee Thanks for those I have received: But, according to my weak Capacity, I bless thy holy Name; and from the Bottom of my Soul wish all Honour, Glory, and Adoration, may be given thee by all thy Creatures, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer that we may not be over-much intangled with the Cares of this World.

I Beseech thee, most merciful God, vouchsafe to preserve me from the excessive Cares of this Life, that I be not too much incumbered with those Things that concern the Necessity of my Body, much less intangled in any sensual or voluptuous Affections.

O my God, my unspeakable Sweetness, turn into Bitternes all carnal and earthly Consolations, which withdraw me from the Love of celestial Things. Suffer me not, my God, to be overcome by the Temptations of Flesh and Blood; suffer me not to be deceived by the World and its transitory Glory; nor permit Satan, through his Subtlety, to seduce me to Perdition. Give me Strength to resist, Patience to endure, and Constancy to persevere. Our very Meat and Drink, and all other Necessaries of this Life, are painful and troublesome to a devout Spirit: Wherefore grant me, O Lord, at least, that I may use them with such Moderation, that my Heart

Heart be not too much taken up with the Desire of them. Thy holy Law forbids us to seek Superfluities, and such Things that are rather delightful than profitable : Govern me therefore, O Lord, with thy holy Hand, and instruct me, that I may not yield to any Excel.

A devout Prayer.

MY Lord God, and most bountiful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, when I was not, didst not only create me, but also render me capable of possessing thee, the sovereign and only Good : And when I was become a Slave to Sin, through my Fore-fathers Trespass, didst redeem me with thy precious Blood, and the Loss of thy sacred Life, suffering the Punishment due to my Iniquities, that thou mightest deliver me from it. For these, O Lord, and all thy other inestimable Benefits, I yield thee most humble and hearty Thanks, offering myself wholly to thee, as I am wholly thine; beseeching thee also, of thy infinite Mercy, to preserve me this Night from offending thee, and to direct all my Thoughts, Words and Works, to thy everlasting Glory. My State and Calling is, as thou knowest, O Lord, exposed to many Dangers; [Here consider the Dangers which your State of Life and present Circumstances are subject to] and by reason of my evil Customs, and wicked Inclinations, it will hardly be possible for me, without thy special Assistance, to pass this Life, and not offend in these Sins. [Here call to mind the Vices you are most prone to] Refresh therefore, O Lord, the Powers of my Soul with the Dew of thy Divine Grace ; and give me Strength to fight more manfully, and to subdue all wicked Suggestions for the future.

In all Humility and Sincerity of Heart, I purpose (by thy gracious Favour) never willingly to trans-

grefs thy Laws and Commandments any more ; I detest all Sin, and what may any way displease thee. I desire to love thee, fear thee, and serve thee, and to direct all my Actions to thy Honour and Glory. Assist me Lord with thy Grace, and inrich my Poverty with the Plenty of thy Merits : Wherefore, in Union with the Charity wherewith thou descendedst from Heaven into the Virgin's Womb, and afterwards offeredst thyself on the Cross, in Sacrifice for Sins : In Union with this thy incomprehensible Love, I offer thee whatever I shall do, think, or speak *this Night* : beseeching thy merciful Goodnes so to govern and direct me, that all may tend to the Advancement of thy Glory, my Neighbours Welfare, and the Benefit of my own Soul. To thee, my sweet and only Saviour *Jesus Christ*, be all Glory and Praise everlastingly. *Amen.*

A devout Oblation of our Bodies and Souls to Almighty God.

O Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on me : and help me now and always, that I may not delight in vain and transitory Things.

O most blessed Lord, I adore thy Divine Majesty with my Body and Soul ; with all the Members and Senses of the one, and the Powers and Faculties of the other ; and I humbly offer them up all unto thee who gavest them to me, to do and suffer, with thy Grace, whatever shall be pleasing to thee : Beseeching thee, that none of these Things, which I now dedicate to thy holy Service, may ever offend thee.

Grant, O Lord, that my Tongue may be restrained from idle and sinful Speech, my Hands from wicked Actions, my Heart from unlawful Desires, my

my Eyes from vain and dangerous Objects, my Ears from hearkening to what is frivolous and hurtful, and my whole Man, both interior and exterior, from every Thing which displeases thee.

Grant, O Lord, that I may so resist the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, in this Life, that hereafter I may be admitted to the everlasting Joys of thy heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Dead.

O God, the Giver of Pardon, and the Lover of human Salvation, we beseech thy Clemency, that by the Intercession of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, and all thy Saints, thou wouldst be pleased to grant to the Brethren, Relations and Benefactors of our Congregation, who are departed this Life, a joyful Fruition of thy eternal Happiness. Through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

Another.

O God the Creator and Redeemer of all the Faithful, give to the Souls of thy Servants the Remission of all their Sins; that by pious Supplications they may obtain that Pardon which they ever wished for: Who livest and reignest, World without End. *Amen.*

Verj. Give them, O Lord, eternal Rest;

Resp. And let perpetual Light shine unto them.

Verj. May they rest in Peace.

Resp. Amen.

Here say the Conclusion, as it is in the End of the Morning Prayers for Sunday, Pag. 59, and 60.

MORNING PRAYERS

FOR

T U E S D A Y.

Say the Introduction, as in the Morning Prayer for Sunday, Pag. 36, unto Glory be to the Father, &c. Come let us adore, &c. Pag. 37.

The 44th Psalm.

St. Chrysostom, St. Austin, and almost all Interpreters agree, that this Psalm is a kind of spiritual Epithalamium, representing the sacred Union between Jesus Christ and his Spouse the Church. St. Paul likewise, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, makes use of this Psalm to shew the everlasting Reign of the only Son of God over his Elect. Some have thought that Solomon is the Author, and that it was made upon the Occasion of his Marriage with the Daughter of Pharoah; tho' others attribute it to David. But all agree in this, that the true Sense of it, intended by the Holy Ghost, regards the Mystery of the Incarnation, and the Union of the Word with human Nature.

MY Heart hath uttered a good Word : I tell my Works to the King.

My Tongue is the Pen of a Scribe, that writes swiftly.

Most Beautiful above the Sons of Men, Grace is spread on thy Lips : Therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

Be girded with thy Sword upon thy Thigh, O most mighty.

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With thy Beauty and Comeliness stretch on,
advance prosperously, and reign.

For the Sake of Truth, and Mildness, and Justice : and thy Right-Hand shall conduct thee marvellously.

Thy Arrows are sharpen'd : Peoples shall fall under thee : Into the Hearts of the King's Enemies.

Thy Throne, O God, is for ever and ever ; the Scepter of thy Kingdom is a Scepter of Righteousness.

Thou hast loved Justice, and hated Iniquity : Therefore God, thy God hath anointed thee with the Oil of Gladness above thy Fellows.

Myrrh, and Balsam, and Cassia, from thy Garments ; from Ivory Buildings, out of which the Daughters of Kings have delighted thee in thy Honour.

The Queen stood on thy Right-hand in golden Robes, dress'd in various Colours.

Hear Daughter, and behold : and turn thy Ear, and forget thy People and the House thy of Father.

And the King will be enamour'd of thy Beauty ; because he is the Lord thy God, and they shall adore him.

And the Daughters of Tyre with Presents shall petition thy Face ; all the Rich of the People.

All the Glory of the King's Daughter is from within, in Fringes of Gold, cloathed in various Colours.

Virgins shall be brought to the King after her ; her Neighbour shall be brought unto thee.

They shall be brought with Joy and Exaltation ; they shall be brought into the Temple of the King.

Instead of thy Fathers, there are born Sons to thee ;

thee ; thou shalt make them Princes over all the Earth.

They shall be mindful of thy Name, from every Generation to Generation.

Therefore People shall Confess thee for ever, and World without End.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 45th Psalm.

Since almost all the Fathers agree that this Psalm, according to the literal Sense, regards the Church, persecuted by the Infidels, and delivered from Persecutions by the Assistance of our Lord, we ought rather to adhere to this Opinion, than that of some other Interpreters, who apply this Psalm only to David, victorious over his Enemies.

OUR God is a Refuge, and Strength ; a Helper in the Tribulations which have fallen upon us excessively.

Therefore we will not fear, when the Earth shall be troubled, and the Mountains transported into the midst of the Sea.

The Waters thereof roar'd and were troubled ; the Mountains were troubled by his Strength.

The Swiftness of the River rejoiceth the City of God ; the Highest has sanctified his Tabernacle.

God is in the midst of it : It shall not be moved ; God will help it early in the Morning.

Nations were troubled, and Kingdoms totter'd ; he raised his Voice, and the Earth was moved.

The Lord of Hosts is with us ; the God of Jacob is our Supporter.

Come ye, and see the Works of our Lord ; the Prodigies he hath shewn on the Earth ; making Wars to cease, even unto the End of the Earth.

He will bruise the Bow, and break the Weapons and burn the Shields with Fire.

Attend

Attend and see, that I am God : I will be exalted amongst the *Gentiles* ; I will be exalted on the Earth.

The Lord of Hosts is with us ; the God of *Jacob* is our Supporter.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 86th Psalm.

David in this Psalm celebrates the Praises of the City of Jerusalem, which in the Prophetick Sense may very well be applied to the Church of Christ, of which that City was the Figure.

THE Foundations of it are on the holy Mountains : Our Lord loveth the Gates of Sion above all the Tabernacles of Jacob.

Glorious Things have been spoken of thee, O City of God.

I will be mindful of *Rahab* and *Babylon*, that know me.

Behold Foreign People, and *Tyre*, and the Nation of the *Ethiopians* ; these were there.

Will *Sion* say a Man, and a Man is born in her ; and the Highest himself did found her ?

Our Lord will declare it in the Records of People, and Princes that have been in her.

In thee is a Dwelling, as it were of People all in Joy.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A devout Oblation of ourselves to the Holy Trinity.

O Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three Persons, and one God ! Thou art the glorious Lord and Maker of all the World : Behold I here present thee the lowest Homage and Adoration both of my Body and Soul, which I have received from thee, and hold of thee, as of my Sovereign Lord, with all the Goods I have either of Nature or Grace. And in acknowledgment of my Dependence

Dependence on thee, and thy supreme Dominion over all Things, I humbly offer this Prayer to thy Divine Majesty, earnestly beseeching thee to pardon all the Sins and Offences I have committed against thy blessed Will ; and give me Grace hereafter faithfully to serve thee, and keep thy Commandments, and by no Means to consent to any Mortal Sin : And at my Death, and greatest Need, let me find thy Relief, and greatest Assistance, that I may remember my Saviour's bitter Passion, and have true Contrition for all my Sins ; that I may live and die in the Faith and Unity of thy Catholic Church, and finally come to thy eternal Glory, with all thy blessed Saints and Angels. *Amen.*

A Prayer to Christ our Saviour.

O Eternal Majesty, Author and Fountain of all Purity, who so lovest it in Souls made to thy own Image, that, to cleanse them from Sin, thou hast washed them with thy precious Blood : Suffer me not, O blessed Saviour, to lose the Beauty of thy Grace ; and mercifully restore it, by true Sorrow and Repentance, to all those who have lost it. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

I Beseech thee, O Lord Jesus, for thy exceeding Mercy and Compassion, infuse into my Soul a pure Faith, firm Hope, and perfect Charity, that, being delivered from all Error and Sin, I may yield my Understanding obedient to the Catholic Church ; and that casting all my Care on thee, I may place no Confidence in any Creature, but, in all Occasions, acknowledging thy fatherly Care and Love towards me, and receiving all Things at thy Hand with equal Willingness and Thanksgiving, may absolutely resign myself to thy most blessed Will and Pleasure. *Amen.*

A Prayer to our blessed Lady.

HAIL, O most holy and blessed Virgin Mary, full of celestial Grace, and replenished with Beauty and Comeliness, of whom, and by whom it pleased our Saviour *Jesus Christ*, the Son of God, the King of *Heaven*, the Brightness of his Father's Glory, to be born and nourished; obtain for me, O blessed Lady, of thy only begotten Son, whatever thou knowest to be necessary for the Salvation of my Soul. O holy Mother of God, help my Frailty and Weakness; assist me this Day in all my Calamities, Temptations and Dangers; but especially, at the Hour of Death, vouchsafe not to depart from me, that by thy Prayers and Protection I may be safe in that last and dangerous Battle. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to all the Holy Angels, and to our Angel
Guardian in particular.*

O Holy Angel, who art appointed by the Divine Goodness to be my Guardian, to conduct my Blindnes, teach my Ignorance, strengthen my Weaknes, and excite my Slothfulness; I heartily praise our common Lord for so singular a Benefit, and thank thee for the many good Offices which thou hast done for me, defending me amidst so many Dangers both Spiritual and Corporal, but especially by with-holding me from Sin, and preserving me, when I was hastening to my own Destruction. I humbly beseech thee to continue the same Care on my Behalf, till thou shalt have brought my Soul to the happy Port of everlasting Salvation.

O all ye good Angels, who are the Guardians of Men, Cities, Provinces, and Kingdoms, I humbly offer you my Prayers, that you would perform all your charitable Offices towards me, towards this City and Country, and towards all my Relations, Friends, Benefactors, Neighbours, and Acquaintance,

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tance, directing all our Thoughts, Words and Deeds, in order to the Salvation of our own Souls ; that, duly observing the Commandments of God, we may, by his Grace, be made worthy to increase your Number, and live with you in eternal Joys. *Thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.*

A Prayer in Honour of the Apostles.

O Lord God, who, above all thy other Saints, didst chuse thy most blessed Apostles to be the first Pillars and Foundations of thy Church, and didst send them to preach thy Gospel through the whole World, confirming and establishing their Doctrine by Miracles and supernatural Works : We humbly beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to grant, that we, who are founded on the Rock of the Apostolick Confession, and, in the same Faith, are chosen and called to obey and praise thee perpetually, may never, through any Error or Temptation, be separated from thee ; but that, by the blessed Intercession of thy holy Apostles, we may be strengthen'd in our Faith, amended in our Lives, and protected at the Hour of our Death. Through *Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

T H E H Y M N.

Telluris alme Conditor.

O God, who, when at Nature's Birth
The Waters hid the Face of Earth,
Didst make the Shores their Floods restrain,
And raise the Land above the Main :

That teeming Earth might Herbage yield,
And Flowers and Fruit adorn the Field,
At once to charm the Taste and Eye
With Pleasure and Variety :

Grant thus our Souls may rise from Sin,
To bear the Fruits of Grace again,

Whilst

Whilst Floods of Tears resort to kill
The Passions that inflame our Will.

May we in all that's good rejoice,
At ev'ry Call obey thy Voice ;
And, Strangers to the Ways of Death,
Untainted yield our parting Breath.

In this, most gracious Father, hear,
Through *Christ*, thy equal Son, our Prayer ;
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Resides and reigns eternally.

The Antiphon.

WHEN thou shalt be invited to a Wedding, sit
in the lowest Place, that he who inviteth thee
may say to thee, *Friend, come up higher* ; so shalt
thou have Glory before them that sit there. *Alleluia.*

Vers. May my Prayer be directed, O Lord,

Resp. As Incense in thy Sight.

The Prayer.

PTEVENT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, with
thy heavenly Grace, that no Temptation may
overcome us ; and in all our Ways continually assist
us, that we may diligently apply ourselves to the
Exercise of good Works. Through our Lord *Jesus*
Christ, &c. *Amen.*

The LITANY of the Saints and Angels.



LORD have Mercy on us. *Christ* have Mercy on us.
Lord have Mercy on us.

God the Father, Creator of the World, *Have*
Mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Have*
Mercy on us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect,
Have Mercy on us.

O Sacred

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O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have Mercy on us.

O Blessed Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus
Christ, Pray for us.

That we may religiously adore the Mystery of
our Saviour's Incarnation, and freely offer ourselves
to him who freely gave himself for us.

O Blessed Virgin, most glorious Queen of Saints
and Angels, *Pray for us.*

That we may praise the Bounty of our Lord,
who hath so highly exalted the Humility of his Hand-
maid, raising thy immaculate Body from the Grave
to crown thee in *Heaven* with Glory and Honour.

O Blessed Virgin, most gracious Protectress of
the Servants of thy Son, *Pray for us.*

That for the Merits of his Passion our Sins may
be pardoned, and by his Acceptance of thy Inter-
cession we may be delivered from all Dangers.

Blessed Angels, who above in those heavenly
Choirs perpetually sing Praises unto God, *Pray for us.*

That the great and Holy Name of our Creator
may be sanctified by us on Earth, as it is by you in
Heaven.

Blessed Angels, whose Charity is solicitous for
the Advancement and Progress of the Just, and re-
joiceth at the Conversion of a Sinner, *Pray for us.*

That we may diligently improve the little Good
you see in us, and sincerely repent of and amend
those great Evils which we know to be in ourselves.

Blessed Angels, who continually behold the Face
of God, and are prompt and ready to dispense his
Benefits to us, *Pray for us.*

That, living in the Fear of God, we may enjoy
your Patronage, and dying in his Favour, be con-
ducted by you into Paradise.

Blessed Patriarchs, who, in Times when Grace
was

was not so liberally dispensed, nor the Light of Divine Revelation so great, safely arrived to the State of Happiness, *Pray for us.*

That we may faithfully observe the Law of God written in our Hearts, and not presume to abuse the abundant Grace of the Gospel, by a Neglect of good Works.

Blessed Prophets, who, by Divine Inspiration, foretold the Coming of the *Messiah*; and, after a patient Expectation of Deliverance, were led by him with Triumph into *Heaven*, *Pray for us.*

That we may admire the Goodness of our Saviour, in his humble Coming to redeem us, and exactly prepare the Accounts of our Life, against the Time of his glorious Appearing to judge us.

Blessed Apostles, who in this barren Earth first planted the *Christian* Faith, and then watered it with your Blood, *Pray for us.*

That we may constantly profess the Ancient Faith of the Catholick Church, and unfeignedly practise the perfect Charity of the Primitive *Christians*.

Blessed Disciples of our Lord, who had the Privilege to converse familiarly with his sacred Person, hearing his heavenly Doctrine from himself, and seeing his glorious Miracles with your own Eyes, *Pray for us.*

That we may always behave ourselves as in the Presence of our Redeemer, carefully endeavouring to fulfil his holy Laws, and thankfully acknowledging the Wonders of his infinite Power.

Blessed Martyrs, who laying down a short and frail Life have purchased to yourselves a secure Eternity, *Pray for us.*

That we may never offend God for fear of Man, nor lose our own Souls to gain the whole World.

Blessed Confessors, who, by the Improvement
of

of the Talents intrusted to you, are entered now into your Master's Joy, *Pray for us.*

That we may profitably employ the Gifts of Grace and Nature, which God hath bestowed upon us, to the advancing of his Glory, and the obtaining of our own eternal Felicity.

Blessed Virgins, who, imitating here on Earth the Purity of Angels, are for ever espoused to the heavenly Bridegroom, *Pray for us.*

That, mortifying all sensual and inordinate Desires, we may raise our Affections to the glorious Life of *Heaven*, and there eternally settle our Hearts on the chaste Love of our Saviour.

O all ye holy Saints of Paradise, who, by the blissful Vision of God, are secure of your own Happiness, and, by your perfect Charity, are solicitous for ours, *Pray for us.*

That the Honour given to your Memories may affect our Minds with a Devotion to your Virtues, and the Imitation of your holy Lives, bring us to the Fellowship of your everlasting Glory, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

And now, O sovereign Lord, and merciful Redeemer, having implored the Intercession of the blessed Virgin-Mother, and of all the holy Angels and glorious Saints, we presume, under the Favour of their Assistance, to appear before the Throne of thy Majesty, and, relying on thy own infinite Goodness, humbly address our Prayers to thee.

Jesus, eternal Son of the living God, Have Mercy on us.

Jesus, most blessed Son of the Virgin Mary, Have Mercy on us.

Jesus, God and Man, two Natures, yet but one Christ, Have Mercy on us.

Jesus

*Jesus, the Glory of Heaven, and Joy of Angels,
Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, King of Patriarchs, and Light of the Prophets, Have Mercy on us.

Jesus, Master of the Apostles, and the Fortitude of the Martyrs, Have Mercy on us.

Jesus, the Sanctity of Confessors, and the Purity of Virgins, Have Mercy on us.

Jesus, the Crown of all the Saints in Heaven, and the only Hope of thy Servants on Earth, Have Mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Spare us, O Jesus.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Hear us, O Jesus.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Have Mercy on us.*

The Antiphon.

THE glorious Virgin-Mother, with all the holy Angels and blessed Saints, fall down on their Faces, and adore him that liveth for ever ; singing perpetually, Glory, and Honour, and Wisdom, and Power be to him that sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb for all Eternity. *Alleluia.*

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, who gavest thy only begotten Son to be born of an humble Virgin, that we might be advanced to the Adoption of thy Children ; favourably regard the imperfect Prayers of thy Servants, which we here present unto thee, by the efficacious Intercession of the blessed Virgin *Mary* ; and grant that, as her Purity is exalted by thee to the highest Degree of Glory among Creatures, her Charity may obtain for

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for us the special Assistance of thy Grace, through
Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

O Eternal God, who in thy wonderful Providence hast made the Angels ministering Spirits, and sendest them on Messages for the Good of thy Elect; behold with Pity the Temptations and Dangers to which the Frailty of our Nature is perpetually exposed, and give thy holy Angels Charge to bear us in their Hands, and cover us under the Shadow of their Wings; that, being guided through the Desert of this Life, by their safe Conduct, we may enter at last into the Land of Promise, and rejoice for ever in their blessed Society. *Thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.*

MOST gracious God, the Author of all Sanctity, and Lover of Unity, whose Wisdom hath established an admirable Communion between thy Church triumphant in Heaven and militant on Earth, as Members of the same mystical Body, whereof thy Son *Jesus Christ* is the Head: Mercifully grant, that, as thy blessed Saints, without ceasing, pray to thee for us, we may continually praise thee for them, and in Correspondence to their perfect Charity piously celebrate their Memories till we all meet before thy glorious Throne, and with one Heart adore the Saviour of us all; who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, World without End. *Amen.*

Say the Conclusion, as in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pages 59 and 60.

EVENING

EVENING PRAYERS FOR TUESDAY.

Say the Introduction, at it is in the Evening Prayers for Sunday, pag. 61, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, pag. 62.

The 92d Psalm.

The Author of this Psalm represents God's everlasting Kingdom, sets forth his Power and the Truth of his Promises.

OUR Lord hath reigned ; he hath put on Come-liness, our Lord hath put on Strength, and hath girded himself.

For he hath settled the Ball of the Earth ; which shall not be moved.

From that Time was thy Seat prepared : Thou art from Eternity.

The Rivers O Lord have lifted up : The Rivers have lifted up their Voice.

The Rivers have lifted up their Waves with the Noise of many Waters.

Marvelous are the Risings of the Sea : Our Lord is marvelous on high.

Thy Testimonies are made exceeding credible : Holiness becometh thy House, O Lord, for length of Days.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 99th Psalm.

This is a Psalm of Praise and Thanksgiving, which invites all the People of the Earth to enter into the Holy

*Holy Temple, which mystically and truly is the Church
of Christ.*

SING joyfully to God all the Earth : Serve ye
the Lord in gladness.

Enter ye into his Presence with Joy.

Know ye that our Lord is God ; he made us,
and not we ourselves.

His People, and the Sheep of his Pasture, enter
ye into his Gates in Confession, his Courts with
Hymns, confess ye to him.

Praise ye his Name, because our Lord is sweet,
his Mercy is for ever ; and his Truth even from
Generation to Generation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 62d Psalm.

*The most Part of the Interpreters apply this Psalm to the
Time of Saul, and believe that David made it when
he fled into the Desart of Ziph to avoid Saul's Fury.
Tho' some are of opinion, it may have been made in
the Time of Absalom's Revolt, when he was likewise
forced to retire into a Desart. He deplores his Exile
and his Absence from the Tabernacle and the Ark :
At the same Time considers in a higher Sense his Ab-
sence from his true Country, which is Heaven : And
therefore the Prayer which he makes is very proper
for all the Just, who look upon this Life but as a
Banishment.*

O God my God, to thee I watch from the Break
of Day.

My Soul hath thirsted after thee ; and my Flesh
how very often,

In a Land that is desolate and pathless, and void
of Water ; so have I appeared to thee in the holy
Place, that I might behold thy Power and thy Glory.

Because thy Mercy is better than Life : My Lips
shall praise thee.

So will I bless thee while I live : And in thy Name I will lift up my Hands.

Let my Soul be filled as with Marrow and Fat : And my Mouth shall praise with joyful Lips.

If I remember thee on my Bed ; in the Morning I will think on thee, because thou hast been my Helper.

And under the Cover of thy Wings I will rejoice ; my Soul hath cleaved after thee : Thy Right-hand hath supported me.

But they have sought my Soul in vain, they shall enter into the lower Parts of the Earth : They shall be delivered into the Power of the Sword, they shall be the Portions of Foxes.

But the King shall rejoice in God, all shall be praised that swear on him; because the Mouth of those that speak unjust Things is stopped.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer of St. Thomas of Aquin.

GRANT me, O merciful God, earnestly to desire the Things that are pleasing to thee, to search after them with Prudence, to discern them without Mistake, and perfectly to accomplish them, to the Praise and Glory of thy Name. Do thou order my State of Life, and bestow upon me the Knowledge of what thou requirest of me to do ; and then help me to execute it as I ought, and as is most to the Benefit of my Soul. My Lord and my God, grant I may neither be puffed up with Prosperity, nor cast down with Adversity. Let nothing give me any Joy or Sorrow, but what either brings me to thee, or carries me away from thee. Let me not be ambitious to please, nor afraid to displease any one but thyself. Lord, let all that passes away lose its Value with me ; and let all that concerns thee be dear to me for thy own Sake ; and thou, O God,

above

above all Things. Let that Joy be my Aversion that is without thee, and let me never desire any Thing besides thyself. Let it be my Delight, O Lord, to take Pains for thee; and let it be tedious to me to beat rest without thee. Grant me, O Lord, to raise up my Heart frequently to thee: And, in my Failings, help me to reflect upon them with Sorrow and a Purpose of Amendment.

Lord, make me obedient, without Contradiction: Poor, without losing Courage; Chaste, without Corruption: Patient, without Grumbling: Humble, without Counterfeiting: Cheerful, without Looseness: Sorrowful, without Dejectedness: Grave, without Dulness: Active, without Levity: Fearing thee, without Despondency: A speaker of Truth, without Double-dealing. Grant me to do Good without Presumption: To tell my Neighbour of his Faults, without Haughtiness: To edify him both by Word, and by Example, without Dissembling.

Give me, O Lord, a watchful Heart, not to be carried away from thee by any Suggestion of Curiosity: A generous Heart, not to be borne down by any unworthy Affections: An upright Heart, not to be carried aside by any sinister Intention: An invincible Heart, not to be broken by any Tribulation: A Heart intirely free, not to be commanded by any perverse or violent Passion.

Lord God, bestow upon me an Understanding enlighten'd with the Knowledge of thee; a Diligence bent upon seeking thee; Wisdom to find thee; a Conversation agreeable to thee; Perseverance to wait for thee with Fidelity; and Confidence to embrace thee to the last. Let me partake of thy painful Sufferings by Penance, make a right Use of thy Benefits on my Way by Grace, and possess thy Joys in my heavenly Country by Glory: Who, with the Father

Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer in Honour of any Martyr.

O God, who didst so strengthen thy blessed Martyr St. *N.* in thy Faith and Love, that no fleshly Delights, nor Threats of Tyrants, no Swords, nor Torture of cruel Executioners, were able to withdraw him from thy Worship: Grant to us miserable Sinners, through his Intercession, Help in Tribulation, and Comfort in Persecution; that we may manfully fight against all the Temptations of the Devil, and despise the World, and all that is in it; and that, overcoming all Adversity, we may hereafter obtain those eternal Joys, which, by thy holy Inspiration, we now desire. *Thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A Prayer in Honour of any Confessor.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the wonderful Light of thy beloved Saints, and mercifully hast appointed for us blessed Bishops, Doctors, and Confessors, as burning Lights in thy House: by whose holy Exhortations, Writings, and Examples, Sinners are to be reclaimed from Evil to Good: We humbly beseech thee to break asunder the Bonds of our Sins, and not regarding our Unworthiness, render us Partakers of the Intercession of blessed St. *N.* and of all thy holy Confessors: That, forsaking our sinful Ways, and walking in true Faith and Charity, we may follow them so long in good Works, till at last we enjoy their Company in eternal Beatitude. *Thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A Prayer in Honour of any Holy Virgin, Widow, &c.

O God, who among the many Miracles of thy Power, hast given to the weaker Sex of Virgins, Widows and Matrons, the Victory of Martyrdom,

and immaculate Chastity: Mercifully grant that we, who celebrate the Memory of blessed St. N. may, by her Example and Intercession, despise the Allurements of the Flesh, the Pleasures of the World, and even Life itself, for thy Glory; and that, daily exercising ourselves in thy Service, we may still increase in Grace here, and at our Death be admitted to the Fruition of eternal Felicity. Amen.

A Prayer in Honour of any particular Saint.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Lord God, Father Omnipotent, to receive the Prayers of thy Servants, who celebrate the Memory of blessed St. N. that, by his holy Intercession, our Bodies may be delivered from all Dangers, and Adversities, and our Hearts cleansed from all evil Thoughts. Thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer to all the Blessed Saints in Heaven.

O All ye Holy and Elect of God, for whom he prepared an eternal Kingdom from the Beginning; I beseech you, by that Charity where-with he loved you, to have Pity on me a most miserable Sinner, and obtain that I may be reconciled to my Creator, before I am taken out of this World by Death.

O blessed Mary, Mother of God, and great Mediatrix for Sinners to Christ, obtain for me a right Faith and firm Hope; perfect Charity, and true Humility; with the excellent Graces of Patience, Chastity and Sobriety; and after the Course of this short and vain Life, everlasting Happiness.

O holy St. Michael, with all the Thousands of glorious Angels, pray for me; that by your Intercession I may be kept from the Power of my Adversary; and, attaining here the Love of God, Purity of Heart, and Strength of Faith, I may hereafter be received into the Joys of eternal Glory.

O holy

O holy Patriarchs and Prophets, vouchsafe to obtain for me Repentance and Pardon, Continence, and godly Perseverance, and in the End eternal Life.

O ye blessed Apostles of Christ our Lord, deliver me by your Prayers from my Sins, defend me from the Pains of Hell, rescue me from the Powers of Darkness, and bring me to thy everlasting Kingdom.

I beseech you also, O ye glorious Martyrs of God, that perfect Charity, sincere Love, a pure Mind, a chaste Life, and Remission of my Sins, may be given me by your holy Intercessions.

Holy Confessors of God, pray for me, that it may please Almighty God to blot out all my Offences, and to inspire me with the Desire of heavenly Things, and a due Reverence for Virtue.

Affist me, all you holy Virgins, with your Prayers to God, that he will adorn my Soul with the excellent Virtues of Humility and Chastity, and after the Course of this miserable Life, bring me to the Fellowship of your perpetual Blessedness.

O all ye Saints of Heaven, have Compassion on me and pray for me, that through your Intercession I may obtain of Almighty God perfect Compunction of Heart for my sinful Life, a clear and quiet Conscience at my Death, and then for ever, the Joys of a never-ending Felicity. Thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, &c. Amen.

*Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers
for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.*

MORNING PRAYERS FOR WEDNESDAY.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 36, unto Glory be to the Father, &c. Come, let us adore, &c. pag. 37.

The 95th Psalm.

Under the literal Sense of this Psalm, which expresses the Greatness of God, raised infinitely above the Gods of the Nations, and victorious over all the Enemies of his People, all Interpreters agree, that, in the prophetic Sense, it contains the Mystery of the Coming of the Messias, and of the Establishment of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, which is his Church upon the Earth.

SING to the Lord a new Song: Sing to the Lord all the Earth.

Sing ye to the Lord, and bless his Name: Set forth his Salvation from Day to Day.

Set forth his Glory among the Gentiles: His marvellous Works in all Nations.

Because the Lord is great, and exceedingly to be praised: He is terrible above all the Gods.

Because all the Gods of the Gentiles are Devils: But the Lord made the Heavens.

Confession and Beauty in his Sight: Holiness and Magnificence in his Sanctuary.

Bring to the Lord, ye Countries of the Gentiles, bring ye to the Lord Glory and Honour: Bring the Lord Glory to his Name.

Take Sacrifices, and enter into his Courts: Adore ye the Lord in his holy Court.

Let

Let all the Earth be moved before his Face: Say ye among the Gentiles, that the Lord hath reigned.

For he hath set right the whole Earth, which shall not be moved: He will judge Peoples with Equity.

Let the Heavens be glad, and the Earth rejoice: Let the Sea be moved, and the Fulness thereof: The Fields shall be glad, and all Things that are in them.

Then shall all the Trees of the Woods rejoice before the Face of the Lord, because he is coming; because he is coming to judge the Earth.

He will judge the Earth in Equity, and Peoples in his Truth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 96th Psalm.

It is probable that David made this Psalm after some signal Victory gained over his Enemies, for which he magnifies the Power and Mercy of God. At the same Time he does very plainly foretel the Establishment of the spiritual Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and he exhorts all Men to prepare themselves for it, by Hatred to Sin, and Love to Justice.

THE Lord hath reigned, let the Earth rejoice; let the Multitude of Islands be glad.

A Cloud and Darkness is round about him: Justice and Judgment are the Perfections of his Seat.

Fire shall go before him, and shall burn his Enemies round about.

His Lightenings have shined to the Ball of the Earth. The Earth saw and was moved.

The Mountains melted away as Wax before the Face of the Lord: Before the Face of the Lord all the Earth did so.

The Heavens have published his Justice: and all People have seen his Glory.

Let all be confounded that adore graven Things, and that glory in their Idols.

Adore him all his Angels: *Sion* heard, and was glad.

And the Daughters of *Judah* rejoiced for thy Judgments, O Lord.

Because thou art Lord, the most High over all the Earth: Thou art exalted exceedingly above all the Gods.

You, who love the Lord, hate Evil: The Lord keepeth the Souls of his Saints, he will deliver them out of the Hand of the Sinner.

Light is risen to the Just, and Joy to the Righteous of Heart.

Be glad, ye Just, in the Lord; and confess to the Memory of his Sanctification.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 97th Psalm.

This Psalm seems to have been made upon the same Occasion, and upon the same Subject with the last, and has the same spiritual and prophetick Meaning.

SING ye to the Lord a new Canticle, because he hath done marvellous Things.

His right Hand and his holy Arm have wrought Salvation to him.

Our Lord hath made known his Salvation: He hath manifested his Justice in the Sight of the Gentiles.

He hath remembered his Mercy, and his Truth to the House of *Israel*.

All the Ends of the Earth have seen the Salvation of our God.

Sing joyfully to the Lord all the Earth: Sing and rejoice, and play on the Psalter.

Sing

Sing to the Lord on the Harp: On the Harp, and with the Sound of a Psalm: On Trumpets of Metal, and with the Sound of the Cornet

Sing joyfully in the Sight of the King our Lord; let the Sea be moved, and the Fulness thereof; the Ball of the Earth, and they that dwell therein.

The Rivers shall applaud, the Mountains together shall rejoice at the Sight of our Lord: Because he comes to judge the Earth.

He will judge the whole Earth in Justice, and Peoples in Equity.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

O Most bountiful Father: O Father, most worthy to be adored, I miserable Wretch offer to thee, in Satisfaction for all my Sins, which I acknowledge to be both great and many, and for the Sins of the whole World, the bitter Passion and Death of thy only Son, our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*; I offer his Labours, his Fastings, his Weariness, his Watchings, his Prayers, his Tears, his Humility, his Bounty, his Patience, and his Charity: I offer his Sorrows and Troubles of Mind, his Anguishess, his Contumelies, his Pains, his Scourges, and his Wounds; I offer all the Drops of his most precious Blood.

O most blessed *Jesus* my Redeemer, I return thee humble Thanks for the innumerable Benefits which thou hast already bestowed, and still daily bestowest on me, tho' most unworthy of them: For thy sacred Incarnation and Nativity; thy holy Life and Conversation, thy bitter Passion, and the Effusion of thy precious Blood; and for thy most cruel and ignominious Death. I beseech thee to make me Partaker of all thy Merits; and grant that, thro' the diligent Imitation of thy Virtues,

I may be found a lively Branch in thee, who art the true Vine.

O Holy Ghost, my Comforter, I recommend to thee my Soul and Body, the Beginning and End of my Life; give me Grace to do true Penance, that I may be heartily sorry for my Sins, and, (in the Virtue of thy holy Name) perfectly purified from them, before I depart hence out of this mortal Body. O Lord, of myself I am corrupt and blind in all my Affections and Desires: And I am easily seduced into Error, easily overcome by Temptation, when I rely on my own Judgment and Strength: Wherefore, O Lord, I offer and commit my Soul to thee, and thy divine Protection.

Defend and keep me, thy Servant, from all Evil; teach and enlighten my Mind, strengthen my weak Spirit against Pusillanimity, inordinate Fear, superfluous Scruples of Conscience; and keep it humble, that it fall not into Presumption. Give me a right Faith, unmoveable Hope, and perfect Charity, that I may sweetly delight in thee, heartily love thee, and every where fulfil thy holy Will and Pleasure.

O Holy and blessed Trinity, God Omnipotent, I recommend to thee all my Concerns both Spiritual and Temporal; I recommend to thee my Benefactors, my Neighbours, my Friends, my Acquaintance, and all for whom I ought to pray, and all those who desire my Prayers. I recommend to thee the whole Catholick Church; renew in it, I beseech thee, Purity of Life, and grant that each one may correct and amend himself: Nourish and keep among such as are Members thereof mutual Charity, and the Love of thee. Call back such as err, into the Way of Salvation; extinguish all Heresies, and give the Light of thy Faith

Faith to those who as yet have not known thee. Comfort and support all such as are troubled in Mind and Conscience, and oppressed with various Temptations and Calamities: Who livest and reignest one God, World without End. *Amen.*

The Prayer of St. Thomas of Aquin, Grant me,

O most merciful Lord, &c. pag. 119.

A Prayer for Freedom of Mind, and against worldly Desires.

I Beseech thee, O most merciful Lord Jesus, to protect me from the Danger of Busines, and inordinate Care; and so defend me from the Temptations of this World, that I may never be ensnared by any of its fond Enjoyments. Keep me, O Lord, from all irregular Sadness, Grief, and worldly Fear; and from whatever thou knowest to be a Hindrance to my Soul. And hereby, O Lord, I ask to be delivered, not only from the Vanities of the World, but also from those Miseries which proceed from the common Male-diction of Mankind, and the universal Corruption and Distemper of Nature, wherewith I am so much oppressed, that I have not Liberty of Spirit to behold thee when I would. Help me, O Lord, that Flesh and Blood may not overcome me, and make me prefer a short and deceitful Pleasure before an immense and eternal Joy; that I may not make less account of the Honour and Treasures of thy everlasting Kingdom than of the vain Honours and perishing Riches of the World; and lastly, that I may not be supplanted by the Crafts and Wiles of the Enemy, who never ceases to endeavour my Destruction. Give me, O Lord, spiritual Providence to discern, Courage to resist, Patience to suffer, and Constancy to persevere. Give me, instead of all worldly Comforts, the most sweet Con-

solation of the Holy Ghost; and for all carnal Love, infuse into my Soul the chaste Love of thy holy Name.

Meat, Drink, Cloathing, Sleep, and all other Necessaries, which our Bodies require, are grievous and irksome to a fervent Spirit, which, if it might, would always rest in spiritual Entertainments. It is not lawful for us to forsake all these Things, because our Bodies are to be preserved; but we are likewise forbidden, by thy holy Law, to seek them more for Pleasure than for Necessity. Grant us, therefore, thy Grace, that, avoiding all Superfluity and Excess, we may so desire and use temporal Things, that they may administer unto us an Occasion of praising, but never of offending thee: Who livest and reignest, World without End. Amen.

A Prayer to our Lord Jesus.

O Good Jesus, most gracious Redeemer of my Soul, be merciful to me a miserable Sinner: I have sinned, I have offended, I have done amiss before thee: Lord, pardon me all my Iniquities, my Negligences, and my Immortifications: I put them all into thy most dearly beloved Wounds, and cast them into the bottomles Depth of thy Mercies and Merits. O! would to God I had never offended! would to God I had never hinder'd thy Grace in me! I purpose now (by thy Help) to correct the Folly of my Passions, and thoroughly to amend my Life.

O Lord, take away all my Sins, wash me with thy precious Blood, and heal me with thy Wounds; sanctify me with thy bitter Passion, and quicken me with thy Death; cleanse me perfectly from the Stains of Sin, and restore me again to the Innocence which thou gavest me in Baptism, that I may truly please thee. I wor-

I worship, I adore, and glorify thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all thy Mercies and Benefits. I praise thee (O Son of the living and most high God) who, out of thy exceeding great Charity towards me, vouchsafed'st to be made a Man, and for my Sake would'st be born in a Stable, laid in a Manger, and fed with the Milk of the Virgin Mother: Thou would'st suffer extreme Poverty, and be troubled thirty-three Years together, with continual Labours and cruel Pains. Thou would'st sweat Blood thro' the Agony of thy Soul. Thou would'st be violently seized, ignominiously bound, and unjustly condemned. Thou would'st be spit upon, and buffeted, reviled and scorned, cloath'd with a white Garment, out of Mockery and Derision. Thou would'st be beaten and torn with Stripes, crowned with Thorns, laden and oppressed with a painful and heavy Cross, and cruelly fastened to it with piercing Nails. Thou would'st have Vinegar and Gall offered to thee in thy Thirst. Thou, who cloathest and adornest the Stars, would'st hang on the Cross naked, despised, wounded, and afflicted with innumerable Sorrows; and all this for my Sake.

Thou shed'st thy most pure and precious Blood for me: Thou diest for me: I embrace in the Arms of my Soul thy venerable Cross, and for the Love and Honour of thee devoutly kisst the Instrument of so great a Blessing. Grant that I may with most ardent Desire approach unto thee, and eternally repose in thee, who art the Center of all true Happiness.

O my Lord God, I repute and set myself in the lowest Place, and under all Creatures; for I am unworthy that the Earth should bear me: I despise all corruptible Things for thy Love; I refuse

whatsoever thou art not; I renounce all sensual Pleasure and Delight, all Vanity and Impurity; I forsake all Self-seeking and all Immortification; I resign myself absolutely into thy Hands and disposal. All my whole Will I change into thine: Let only thy Will, O Lord, be done in me, and on me: Let thy blessed Will be done in Time, and for all Eternity. I offer myself ready to suffer (with the Help of thy Grace) whatsoever Trouble or Affliction it shall please thee to send me.

O most sweet and merciful *Jesus*, mortify whatever liveth sensually in me, whatever is vicious and inordinate in my Soul, whatever may be displeasing to thee; mortify in me all Selfishness, adorn me with thy sacred Virtues. O Lord, prepare a delightful Habitation for thyself in me: Renew my Spirit, my Soul, and my Body, with thy excellent Grace; make me conformable to thy holy Humanity; make me one according to thy Heart's Desire; enlighten my Eyes that I may clearly see thee; and draw my Affections, that they may constantly run after thee.

O Lord, my God, O unchangeable Goodness, fill me with thy own self! Lead me into the Bottom of my Soul, into a clear Knowledge of myself; and bring me from thence to the Knowledge of thee, who art my Author and my Original. Let me be most closely united to thee; nay, even changed, and altogether transformed into thee, that thou mayest have thy Delight in me. Hear me graciously, O Lord, not according to my Will, and when I please, but according to thy blessed Pleasure, and when it shall seem good unto thee. O Lord, teach, enlighten and direct me in all Things, that I may do nothing, speak nothing, think nothing, desire nothing, but what is pleasing and acceptable to thee. *Amen.* A

A Prayer to our blessed Lady.

O Most pious Virgin *Mary*, Mother of God ! I beseech thee, by the great Love thou bearest to thy dear Son, my Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*; vouchsafe to obtain for me a true Sorrow for my Sins, a perfect Guard over my Senses, an humble Resignation of myself, and the Exercise of those Virtues wherewith thou did'st so highly please his Divine Majesty. I also most humbly request thee to direct my Ways in those Paths which may be most agreeable to the Will of thy Son, and conducing to the Salvation of my Soul. *Amen.*

The H Y M N.

Cæli Deus sanctissime.

O Source of Light, whose glorious Ray Improves the fiery Noon of Day, And paints the lucid Realms more bright, With beauteous Gleams of burnish'd Light : Who round the World, twice two Days old, The burning Luminary roll'd ; And taught the Moon and Stars to steer Their roving Course around the Sphere :

That certain Periods thus might show, How Time's alternate Seasons flow : How Days and Nights, and Months succeed, And Years supply each other's Stead.

Restore in us thy heavenly Day, And drive the Night of Sin away ; That Man like them, from Darkness free, May end his Course, and rest in thee.

In this, most gracious Father, hear, Thro' *Christ*, thy equal Son, our Pray'r ; Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, Resides, and reigns eternally.

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The Antiphon.

ACertain Man went down from *Jerusalem* to *Jericho*, and fell among Thieves, who also robbed him, and, having wounded him, went away, leaving him half dead.

Vers. May my Prayer be directed, O Lord,
Reſp. As Incense in thy Sight.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and merciful God, from whose Bounty it proceeds that thou art worthily and laudably served by thy Faithful: Grant, we beseech thee, that without any Hindrance we may run on to thy Promises: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ* thy Son, who, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving.

LET Heaven and Earth join together in Joy, and the Choirs of Angels be united with the Voices of Men, to sing eternal Praises to one God, and three Persons, for the Mercies we have received in the admirable Work of our Redemption. *Amen.*

The LITANY of Intercession for England.

Remember not, O Lord, our Offences, nor those of our Parents; nor take Revenge of our Sins.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Jesus receive our Prayers.

Lord *Jesus* grant our Petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the World, *Have Mercy on England*

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Have Mercy on England.*

O God

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfector of the Elect,
Have Mercy on England.

O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have Mercy on England.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *Pray for England.*

Holy Mary, Queen of Angels, whose powerful
Intercession destroys all Heresies, *Pray for England.*

Holy Mary, Virgin of Virgins, whose eminent
Sanctity our Lord hath honoured with so many
Miracles, *Pray for England.*

St. Michael, Prince of the Church, *Pray for
England.*

St. Gabriel, glorious Messenger of our Saviour's
Incarnation, *Pray for England.*

St. Raphael, faithful Guide of those that have
lost their Way, *Pray for England.*

Holy Angel, to whose pious Custody this Pro-
vince is committed, *Pray for England.*

All holy Angels, and blessed Spirits of Heaven,
who celebrate with Joy the Conversion of Sinners,
Pray for England.

St. John Baptist, Precursor of the *Messias*, and
great Example of Penance, *Pray for England.*

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, Friends of
God, and Advancers of his Truth, *Pray for Eng-
land.*

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and supreme
Pastor of *Christ's Sheep*, *Pray for England.*

St. Paul, Doctor of the *Gentiles*, who of a Per-
secutor becamest a Preacher, *Pray for England.*

St. Andrew, first Disciple of *Christ*, and con-
stant Lover of the Cross, *Pray for England.*

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, chief
Planters of the *Christian* Faith, and zealous Main-
tainers of the *Catholic Union*, *Pray for England.*

St. George,

St. *George*, our principal Patron, whose Courage remained invincible in the Midst of so many Torments, *Pray for England*.

St. *Alban*, our first Martyr, who, for the generous Charity of harbouring a Priest, wert put to Death, *Pray for England*.

St. *Thomas of Canterbury*, who, as a faithful Shepherd, laid'st down thy Life in Defence of thy Flock, *Pray for England*.

All ye holy Martyrs of this Nation, who voluntarily lost your Lives here, to find them again in a joyful Eternity, *Pray for England*.

St. *Gregory*, most vigilant Bishop of the universal Church, whose pious Zeal sent Missioners from *Rome*, for the Conversion of our Ancestors, *Pray for England*.

St. *Augustine*, peculiar Apostle of this Nation, by whom our Fore-fathers were reclaimed from Paganism and Idolatry, *Pray for England*.

St. *Bede*, most venerable Confessor, by whose religious Life and learned Writings the *Catholick Faith* was eminently propagated amongst us, *Pray for England*.

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, by whose Wisdom and Sanctity this Island was once a flourishing Seminary of Religion, *Pray for England*.

St. *Helen*, most holy Queen, and happy Mother of the first *Christian Emperor*, *Pray for England*.

St. *Ursula*, most blessed Martyr, who died'st in the glorious Defence of Faith and Chastity, *Pray for England*.

St. *Winefride*, most admirable Virgin, even in this unbelieving Generation still miraculous, *Pray for England*.

All ye holy Saints of this Nation, who, amidst the innumerable Joys of Heaven, still retain a particular

ticular Charity for the Salvation of your Country,
Pray for England.

All ye holy Saints of all Places, who, tho' di-
vided here in several Regions, were yet united in
the same Faith, and now enjoy one common Fe-
licity, *Pray for England.*

Be merciful, O Lord, and spare us.

Be merciful, O Lord, and hear us.

From the Dangers most justly threatening our
Sins, *Deliver England, O Lord.*

From the Spirit of Pride, Rebellion and Apo-
stacy, *Deliver England, O Lord.*

From the Spirit of Hypocrisy, Prophaneness,
and Sacrilege, *Deliver England, O Lord.*

From presuming on their own private Opini-
ons, and contemning the Authority of thy Church,
Deliver England, O Lord.

From Schism, Heresy, and all Blindness of
Heart, *Deliver England, O Lord.*

From Gluttony, Drunkenness, and the false Liber-
ty of an undisciplin'd Life, *Deliver England, O Lord.*

We Sinners beseech thee, hear us.

That it may please thee to hasten the Conversion
of this our miserable Country, and reunite it to
the ancient Faith and Communion of thy Church;
We beseech thee, hear us.

That it may please thee particularly to have
Mercy on our Relations, Friends and Benefactors,
and open their Eyes, to see the Beauty of thy
Truth, and embrace it; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it may please thee to incline the Hearts of
all our Magistrates rightly to understand our Re-
ligion, and impartially to consider our Sufferings,
and, how hardly soever they may deal with us,
make us still with exactest Fidelity to perform our
Duties towards them; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That

That it may please thee to comfort and strengthen thy Servants, who suffer for the *Catholic Faith*, and not to permit the weakest of us, by any Temptation whatsoever, to fall away from thee and thy Truth; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it may please thee to assist with thy special Grace those good Pastors who venture their Lives for their Flock, and daily augment in them the Fire of thy Love, and the Zeal of gaining Souls; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it may please thee to preserve the *Catholics* of this Land from all Sin and Scandal, and so adorn our Lives with solid Piety, that our Enemies, seeing our good Works, may glorify thee our Heavenly Father; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it may please thee to grant us the Grace of improving such Restraints and temporal Disadvantages as we labour under, into an Occasion of Retirednes and *Christian Severity*, supplying our Want of publick Assemblies by a greater Diligence in private Devotions; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it may please thee to govern us by thy good Spirit, that we may accept such Ease and Liberty, as thou vouchsafest to bestow on us, with Gratitude, use it with Modesty, and give others to understand by our Behaviour, that nothing is pleasing to us, but so far as it tends to thy Honour and our Neighbour's Good; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it may please thee to enlighten the Hearts of all *Schismatics*, who live out of the Church, seriously to apprehend the Danger of their State, and the great Importance of eternal Salvation; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it may please thee mercifully to look down from Heaven on the Tears of the Afflicted, and the Blood of so many Martyrs, who have spent

spent their Lives, and suffered Death to convert us to thee; *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World; *Spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World; *Hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World; *Have Mercy on us.*

Lord have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

Verſ. And lead us not into Temptation.

Reſp. But deliver us from Evil. *Amen.*

Verſ. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Reſp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose Judgments are righteous, and Counsels unsearchable; who visitest the Iniquities of the Parents upon the Children, to the third and fourth Generation, and yet at length rememberest Mercy: Forgive, we beseech thee, the Sins of our Fore-fathers, and turn away thy Wrath from their Posterity: Deliver the Ignorant from being seduced by false Teachers, and the Learned from being abused by their Passions, and the whole Nation from the Spirit of Contradiction, Licentiousness, and Discord; that, instead of so many Divisions and Changes in Religion, under which they labour, they may be again restored to that Unity of Mind, Steadiness of Faith, and Tranquility of Conscience, which is no where to be fought but in the Communion of thy Church, nor possible to be found but by the Conduct of thy Grace.

O eternal

O Eternal God, who, in this great Deluge of Heresy, which wholly overflows, and almost covers the Face of this Land, hast vouchsafed to select a small Number for thyself, and save them in thy holy Ark from the common Inundation: We praise and glorify thy infinite Goodness, by which alone we enjoy the Comfort of a firm and settled Belief, free from the Inconstancy of those who, having no Support but their own Fancies, float up and down a-while, and sink at last into the Gulph of Infidelity: Make us sensible, O Lord, of these thy unspeakable Blessings, that, as we know thee by a sure Faith, we may love thee with a perfect Charity, and fixing all our Hopes on the Joys of the future Life, patiently suffer what thou permittest here, and still press on to what thou promisest hereafter, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.

EVENING PRAYERS FOR WEDNESDAY.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Evening Prayers for Sunday, pag. 61, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. pag. 62.

The 66th Psalm.

This Psalm seems to have been made when the Israelites were going, but not gone, out of Babylon. All the Interpreters agree, that it represents, in the spiritual Sense, the ardent Desire which the Prophet had of the Coming of the Messias, and the Redemption

tion of Mankind, according to what Jesus Christ said to his Disciples, that many Prophets and many Kings had desired to see what they saw, but had not seen it.

GO D have Mercy on us, and bless us; cause his Countenance to shine on us, and have Mercy on us:

That we may know thy Ways on the Earth:
Thy Salvation in all the Nations.

Let People confess to thee, O God; let all People confess to thee.

Let all Nations be glad and rejoice; because thou judgest People with Equity, and directest the Nations on the Earth.

Let People confess to thee, O God; let all People confess to thee: The Earth hath yielded its Fruit.

May God, our God, bless us; may God bless us, and may all the Ends of the Earth fear him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 53d Psalm.

David seeing himself surrounded by the Troops of Saul, who was advertised by the Inhabitants of Ziph, that David had made his Retreat into their Country, offered his Prayer to God in so extreme Danger, out of which the Divine Power could only rescue him.

O God, save me by thy Name, and by thy Strength judge me.

O God, hear my Prayer: With thy Ears receive the Words of my Mouth.

Because Strangers have risen up against me, and the Strong have fought my Soul: And they have not set God before their Sight.

For behold God helpeth me: And our Lord is the Helper of my Soul.

Turn away the Evils upon my Enemies; and in thy Truth destroy them.

I will

I will willingly sacrifice to thee: And will confess to thy Name, O Lord, because it is good.

Because thou hast delivered me out of all Tribulation: And my Eye hath looked down on my Enemies.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 84th Psalm.

This Psalm may be said to contain a double Prediction: viz. of the Return from the Captivity of Babylon, and of the general Redemption of Mankind, which was to proceed from the Incarnation of the World.

O Lord, thou hast blessed thy Land: Thou hast turned back the Captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the Iniquity of thy People: Thou hast covered all their Sins.

Thou hast mitigated all thy Wrath: Thou hast turned away from the Wrath of thy Indignation.

Convert us, O God, our Saviour; and turn away thy Anger from us.

Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? Or wilt thou extend thy Wrath from Generation to Generation.

O God, thou wilt turn to us, and make us alive; and thy People shall rejoice.

Shew us, O Lord, thy Mercy, and grant us thy Salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will speak in me; because he will speak Peace unto his People.

And unto his Saints, and unto them who are converted to their Heart.

And his Salvation is near to them that fear him; that Glory may dwell in our Land.

Mercy and Truth have met each other; Justice and Peace have kissed.

Truth is risen from the Earth, and Justice hath looked down from Heaven.

For the Lord will bestow Favour, and our Land shall yield its Fruit.

Justice

Justice shall march before him, and set his Steps
in the Way.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer for Patience.

O Lord, who, by thy perfect Resignation, fulfilledst the Will of thy Father; grant, that in all Things I may behave myself patiently, in all Things submit my Desires to thy Pleasure, as long as thou ordainest that I shall bear the Burden of this corruptible Body: For tho' this Life be tedious, and as a heavy Load to the Soul; yet it is now, thro' thy Grace, made very meritorious; and by thy Example, and that of thy holy Saints, rendered to weak Persons more comfortable than in the old Law, when the Gates of Heaven were shut, and the Way thither dark, and few endeavoured to find it: So that they who were then righteous and ordained to be saved, could never enter into the Possession of the Bliss prepared for them, till thy precious Death, and glorious Resurrection opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers.

O my God, what Thanks am I bound to render thy Goodness, who hast so lovingly vouchsafed to shew me, and thy faithful Followers, the true and straight Way to thy Kingdom? Thy holy Life is our Way, and by thy Patience we walk to thee, who art our Head and Governor. Had'st not thou, O Lord, lead the Way, who ever would have endeavour'd to walk in it? O how many would have tarried behind, if they had not seen thy blessed Example going before? We are still slow and dull, tho' we have seen and heard thy Signs and Doctrines: What then should we have been, if no such Light had shined to us? Certainly, we should never have raised our Thoughts to thee, but wholly fixed our Mind and our Love on worldly Things.

Lord,

Lord, make that possible to me by thy Grace which is impossible by Nature. Thou knowest my Weakness, and that I am presently cast down with a little Adversity. I beseech thee strengthen me with thy Grace, that hereafter Trouble and Affliction for thy Name's Sake may be what I love and desire; there being nothing more profitable for the Salvation of my Soul, than patiently to suffer Persecution for thy Glory. Amen.

A Prayer for the Preservation of the true Catholick Faith.

O Lord, who can abide it? What Heart so stony as to forbear weeping and lamenting for them, who are thus blinded, and daily mislead others into the Pit of Heresy, and eternal Damnation!

Let us call continually to God, and cry Night and Day: Rise, O Lord, rise and shew thyself to the Enemies of thy Truth, that the Beams of thy Glory may enlighten them. Rise and shew thyself to thy Servants, that the Comfort of thy Presence may refresh them: Rise up, O Lord; why dost thou sleep? Why turnest thou thy Face from us, and seemest to forget our Poverty and Trouble? Rise up, O Lord; help us and deliver us for thy Name's Sake.

Suffer us not to be lead into Temptation, and fall from the right Belief of thy holy Church; but confirm us by thy Grace, that we may stand therein manfully, and confess it to our Death; and so obtain those infinite and endless Joys, which thou hast promised to all who continue in thy Love, and keep thy Commandments; which be pleased, for our Lord Jesus Christ his dear and bitter Passion's Sake, grant to us all. Amen.

A Prayer

A Prayer when the Church is afflicted.

O God, the Enemies of the Church are entered into thy Inheritance; they have taken thy People by Force of Arms, and as Vanquishers they possess our Cities. They have defiled, with their Abominations, the Temple dedicated to thy Honour; they have polluted the Vessels consecrated for the Service of thy House.

We are become a Reproach to our Neighbours; they despise, and make a Jest of us, rejoicing at our Afflictions; and in their Mirth they upbraid us. And thou, O Lord, on whose Pleasure we wholly depend, how long wilt thou be angry with us? Why dost thou so deliver us into the Hands of our Adversaries, as if thou had'st shaken us off, and hereafter would'st have no more Care over us? Why dost thou shew the Fury of thy Wrath towards thy People, who are the Sheep of thy holy Pasture, whereof thou thyself art the Ruler, Shepherd, and Protector?

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy holy Church, and leave it not in the Hands of thy Enemies, but deliver it by thy strong Power. Consider the Covenant and Testament which thou hast made with thy Elect. Remember thy Promise, that thou would'st not forsake such as were contrite in Heart, nor fail to save the humble in Spirit.

Awake, O Lord God; delay no longer, but come to succour thy People; make Haste to help thy faithful Servants, and save us from the Hands of our Enemies, we humbly beseech thee, for the Sake of thy most glorious Name, for thy own Sake, and for the Sake of thy infinite Mercy; that we may have a little Taste of the Sweetness of thy Promises, which our Fore-fathers have so abundantly experienced. Then will we render thee most hum-

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ble Thanks, and set forth thy Glory for ever and ever; we will declare thy Praises from Generation to Generation, and solemnly sing thy Glory. However, we will continue thy People, and the Sheep of thy Pasture; we will worship no other God but thee, nor put our Confidence in any besides thee: However it shall please thee to dispose of us, we will serve thee with Joy and Gladness; we will persevere still in Thanksgiving, and patiently expect thy gracious Deliverance. *Amen.*

A Prayer for those that are fallen from the Church.

OMnipotent and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee to visit, with thy fatherly Affection, all those that are fallen from the pure Catholick and Christian Church, or doubt in any Articles thereof, especially those who are deceived thro' Misinformation, or any false Persuasion. Enlighten their Hearts, O Lord, with the Beams of thy Divine Light; and bring them back to acknowledge their Error; that, being perfectly converted to thy Truth, and reunited to thy Universal Church, they may both confess in Words, and declare in Deeds, one true Catholick and Christian Faith; and, remaining in it, work out their own Salvation so, that, being all of one Mind and Will, in one Flock, we may hear and follow thee our Shepherd; thro' *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Fruits of the Earth.

OMnipotent, everlasting, and merciful God, we beseech thee, consider our daily Need; shew us thy Mercy, and give us so much of thy temporal Blessings as shall be needful for the Supply of our Necessities. Grant that the Fruits of the Earth may (by thy holy Blessing) increase and multiply. Defend them from all Storms and Tempests, and whatever else may be any way hurtful

to them; thro' our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A general Prayer for the Living and the Dead.

O Sweet Saviour Jesus, forgive all those that hate us, and deal mercifully with them: Render Good to them that do us Good: Grant to our Brethren a Supply of their Necessities in this World, and, in the next, everlasting Life: Comfort the Sick, and protect all such as travel by Sea or by Land. O Lord, according to thy great Mercy, have Pity on those who are recommended to our unworthy Prayers: Remember our Ancestors and Friends departed this Life; bring them to that Place where they may behold the Light of thy Countenance: Remember those that are in Captivity, and deliver them from their Affliction: Assist all those that labour in ruling the Church; grant them their just Requests, and give them everlasting Bliss. Be not unmindful, O Lord, of us thy unworthy Servants: Pour into our Hearts the Light of thy Knowledge, and keep us in the Path of thy Commandments. We ask this, O Lord, by the Intercession of the most holy and blessed Virgin Mary, and of all thy holy Saints. *Amen.*

Say the Prayer to our blessed Lady, as it is in pag.

133. *Then say as follows here.*

O Blessed Spirits of Heaven, pray for me; and especially thou, Holy Angel, the Keeper of my Soul and Body, vouchsafe to continue thy Care over me. O all ye holy Saints of God, who have passed over the Troubles and Vexations of this Banishment, and are most happily arrived, and for ever placed in the celestial Country, I most humbly beg your Protection, and the favourable Assistance

of your Prayers, now, and at the Hour of my Death. *Amen.*

O Lord God, and my heavenly Father, since, by thy divine Ordinance, the Night approaches, and Darkness begins to overwhelm the Earth, and Time requires that we should give ourselves to bodily Rest and Quietness; I render thee most hearty Thanks for thy loving Kindness, in having vouchsafed to preserve me this Day from the Dangers of my Enemies, to give me my Health, to feed me, and send me all Things necessary for my Subsistence and my Comfort, in this short and miserable Life. I most humbly beseech thee, for the Sake of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, mercifully to forgive me whatever I have this Day committed against thy fatherly Goodness, either in Thought, Word, or Deed: And vouchsafe to shadow me this Night under the Wings of thy Almighty Power; defend me from Satan, and all his crafty Assualts; that neither he, nor any of his Ministers, may have any Power over me; but that, tho' my Body sleep, my Soul may continually watch, and evermore praise thee; and when the joyful Light of the Day returns, I may rise again, with a faithful Soul, and undefiled Body, and so behave myself according to thy blessed Will, by casting away the Works of Darkness, and putting on the Armour of Light, that, others seeing my good Works, may be thereby incited to glorify thee, my heavenly Father; who, with thy only begotten Son *Jesus Christ* our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost our Comforter, livest and reignest one God, World without End. *Amen.*

Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.

MORNING PRAYERS FOR THURSDAY.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 36, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. Come, let us adore, &c. pag. 37.

The 148th Psalm.

This Psalm also invites all Creatures to celebrate the Praises of God.

PRAISE ye our Lord from the Heavens: Praise ye him in the highest Places.

Praise ye him, all his Angels: Praise ye him, all his Powers.

Praise ye him, Sun and Moon: Praise ye him, all ye Stars and Light.

Praise ye him, O Heavens of Heavens: And let all the Waters which are above the Heavens, praise the Name of our Lord.

Because he spoke, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He established them for ever, for all Ages: He settled an Order, and it shall not fail.

Praise ye our Lord from the Earth, ye Dragons, and all Abysses.

Fire, Hail, Snow, Ice: Tempestuous Whirlwinds, that execute his Word.

Mountains and all Hills: Fruit-bearing Trees and all Cedars.

Beasts, and all Cattle; creeping Creatures, and winged Fowls.

Kings of the Earth, and all ye People; Princes, and all ye Judges of the Earth.

Youths and Virgins, old Men with the Young:
Let them praise the Name of our Lord, because
his Name alone is exalted.

The Confession of him is above Heaven and
Earth; and he hath exalted the Power of his People.

An Hymn to all his holy ones; to the Sons of
Israel, a People that approaches to him.

The 149th Psalm.

*This Psalm invites the Children of the Church to sing
the Praises of God, and foretels that they shall pre-
vail over their Enemies.*

SING ye to our Lord a new Song: His Praise
is in the Church of the Saints.

Let *Israel* rejoice in him that made him: And let
the Sons of *Sion* exult in their King.

Let them praise his Name in Choir: On the
Timbrel and Psalter let them sing unto him.

Because our Lord is well pleased with his People;
and he will exalt the meek unto Salvation.

The Saints shall rejoice in Glory: They shall
be joyful in their Beds.

The extolling Praises of God shall be in their
Mouths, and two-edged Swords in their Hands.

To take Revenge upon the *Gentiles*, to check
the People.

To bind their Kings in Fetters, and their Nobles
in Iron Manacles.

That they may execute on them the Judgment
that is written: This Glory is to all his Saints.

The 150th Psalm.

This Psalm is upon the same Subject with the former.

PRAISE ye our Lord in his Sanctuary: Praise
him in the Firmament of his Power.

Praise him in his Powers: Praise him according
to the Multitude of his Greatness.

Praise

Praise him with the Sound of Trumpet: Praise him on the Psalter and Harp.

Praise him on the Timbrel, and in Choir: Praise him on Strings and Organs.

Praise him on well sounding Cymbals: Praise him on Cymbals of Joy: Let every Spirit praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

An humble Bewailing of Sins.

O Heavenly King, my Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*, behold, I come to thee, fainting under the Burden of my Sins, and far from the Perfection thou commandest. My Conscience daily accuses me, and I am convinced more and more of the Frailty of my Flesh. In all the Imaginations of my Heart, in all my Words, and in whatever I do or leave undone, whether I eat or drink, or sleep, or wake, still I find my Life full of Imperfections, and perceive, to my Grief, that I often offend thy Majesty. Whither shall I turn me, O Lord, whither shall I go for Mercy? Thou requirest Integrity of Life and Justice: Thou commandest that I should walk in thy holy Commandments, and promisest me thy gracious Help. But, O Lord, I feel my own Will so perverse, that I cannot heartily so much as wish and desire those Things which are requisite to my Salvation. I have no true and sincere Purpose to bewail my Sins, or to repent of my Wickedness from the Bottom of my Heart. I am too much carried away with the Vanity of this Life, and too often forget the Benefits of thy Death. My Offences are so many in Number, and so grievous in Weight (O gracious God) that were it not for thy infinite Mercy, I had been long since cast into the Dungeon of everlasting Torments. Wherefore I most humbly thank thy unspeakable Goodness, for allowing me this Time

of Repentance, it being due to thee alone, that I am not already sunk into the bottomless Pit of eternal Misery.

But what shall I do? Shall I despair? Shall I say with unhappy *Cain*, the Murderer of his Brother, my Offences are too great to be forgiven? God forbid that I should have any such Thought. But this I will say, my God is merciful and full of Pity; he is my Comfort, my Strength and Consolation; my Refuge and Defence; he will not despise the Work of his own Hand, nor cast from before him a repenting Sinner.

To thee I come, O most merciful Saviour, and lay open all the Thoughts of my Heart in thy Sight; for thou never failest to afford me thy gracious Help. Before thee, most merciful Lord, I confess my Weakness, I acknowledge my Imperfections, and bewail the Multitude of my Offences.

O everlasting Sweetness! O unspeakable Mercy! O most loving Father! I have so often, and so many Ways, offended against Heaven and thee, that I am not worthy to be reputed thy Child. Accept me, O Lord, for one of thy hired Servants, and feed me with the comfortable Bread of thy heavenly Grace; that, being refreshed and strengthened therewith, I may humbly serve thee in thy House, in Cleanness of Heart and Purity of Conscience, during my whole Life.

O sweet Saviour *Christ*! I humbly beseech thee, for the Sake of thy bitter Passion, for the Intercession of thy blessed Mother, and for the Prayers of thy faithful Servant *Mary Magdalen*, who so fervently loved thee, that thou forgavest all her Sins, tho' they were very many, and madest her Partaker of thy heavenly Glory; receive me under the Wings of thy Mercy, and have Compassion on me.

me. Take from me the fond Love of this transitory World; quench in me all impure and unchaste Thoughts; and kindle in my Soul a burning desire of thy glorious Bliss.

Grant me, Almighty God, true Repentance of my Sins, and thy Grace to deplore the Want of Sorrow for my Offences. Grant that I may be reconciled to thee, thro' the comfortable Sacrament of Penance. Give me an earnest Desire to amend my Life, that, being sustained by thy Grace, I may continue in Holiness to the End of my Days, and then be received into thy heavenly Tabernacle; where I may praise and honour thee without the Fear of losing thee for ever. *Amen.*

A devout Prayer of a penitent Sinner.

SHALL I dare to speak to thee, Lord *Jesus*, who am but Dust and Ashes! Verily, if I think myself any better, thou standest against me, and my own Sins bear Witness to my Accusation. But if I really despise myself, and truly think myself but Dust and Ashes, as I am; then will thy Grace be near unto me, and the Light of true Understanding enter into my Heart; then shall all Presumption and Pride be swallowed up in the Vale of Meekness and Humility, thro' the perfect Knowledge of my own Wretchedness.

I have lost thee and myself also, O my God, by the inordinate Love which I have borne to myself: And, in seeking thee, again I have found both thee and myself. And therefore I will hereafter use more Severity in denying myself, and more Diligence in seeking thee. For thou, Lord *Jesus*, art bountiful to me above all I can ask or desire. Blessed be thou in all thy Works; for tho' we are most unworthy, yet thy Goodness never ceaseth to do well to us; and thy Mercy looks after us, tho' we turn away from thee. Wherefore, O Lord, convert us to

thee, that we may henceforward be obedient and thankful. For thou art our Health, and Virtue, and all our Strength, and none but thou. To thee therefore be Joy and Glory everlasting in the Bliss of Heaven. *Amen.*

THE HYMN.

Magnæ Deus Potentiae.

O God, whose watery Stores supply
The liquid Realms of Seas and Sky.
With fruitful Stocks of Fish and Fowl,
To fly the Air, and swim the Pool:

Who taught'st the Birds to soar on high,
Whilst Fish their finny Pinions ply:
That each, tho' born of one Descent,
Might fill its several Element:

Grant that our Souls, now past the Flood
Of *Christ's* redeeming Tears and Blood,
May raise themselves on Wings, and fly
The Dangers of Mortality.

That none may sink beneath their Weight,
Nor soar on Wings of Self-conceit;
Lest earthly Minds sink once for all,
Or, rais'd too high, increase their Fall.

In this, most gracious Father, hear
Thro' *Christ*, thy equal Son, our Pray'r;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Resides and reigns eternally.

The Antiphon.

BUT one of them, perceiving that he was made clean, returned again, with a loud Voice magnifying God. *Alleluia.*

Ver. May my Prayer be directed, O Lord;

Resp. As Incense in thy Sight.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and everlasting God, give us Increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity: And that we may obtain what thou promisest, make us love

I love what thou commandest: Thro' our Lord
Jesus Christ, thy Son; who, with thee and the
Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World
without End. *Amen.*

Vers. May the Divine Assistance always remain
with us.

Resp. Amen.

The LITANY of the BLESSED SACRAMENT.



LORD have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us

God the Father, Creator of the World, *Have
Mercy on us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Have
Mercy on us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfector of the Elect,
Have Mercy on us.

O sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have Mercy on us.

Jesus, God and Man in two Natures, one divine
Person, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our wonderful God, who for us vouch-
safest to subject thy Almighty Self to the Power of
Man, and immediately descend upon our Altars,
when the Priest pronounces the Words of Consec-
ration, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our incomprehensible God, who, though
the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain thy Im-
mensity, yet vouchsafest personally to reside in our
Churches, and dwell among us in a little Taber-
nacle, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our Sovereign King, who, though thy
Throne above is continually waited on by all the
glorified Spirits, yet vouchsafest here, in our most
solemn Processions, to be accompanied by such

mean Attendants as ourselves, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our heavenly Physician, who dwellest in the Palace of immortal Bliss, and yet disdainest not to come in Person to our Houses of Clay, visiting us on our Beds of Sickness, and giving us thyself to comfort our Sorrows, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our glorious God, who sittest at the Right-hand of thy eternal Father, adored by innumerable Angels, and encompassted round with the Splendors of inaccessible Light, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our gracious God, who, condescending to the Weakness of our Nature, cover'st all thy Glories under the familiar Forms of Bread and Wine, and permittest thyself to be seen and touched, and tasted by such inconsiderable Wretches as ourselves, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our gracious God, who, concealing the awful Brightness of thy Majesty under these low and humble Veils, sweetly invitest us to approach unto thy Person, to lay open our Miseries before thy Eyes, and deliver our Petitions into thy Hands, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our gracious God, who, to communicate thy divine Nature to us miserable Sinners, humblest thyself to enter into our Mouths, descend into our Breast, and by an inconceivable Union become one with us, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, the Bread of Life, that came down from Heaven, of which whoever eats, shall live eternally, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, the heavenly Manna, whose Sweetnes nourishes thy Elect in the Desart of this World, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, the Food of Angels, whose Deliciousness replenishes our Hearts with celestial Joys, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, the Lamb without Spot, who every Day art

art sacrificed, yet always remainest alive; every Day
eaten, yet still continuest entire, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, the good Shepherd, who feared'st not to
lay down thy Life for thy Sheep, nor spared'st to
feed them with thine own Body, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who, in this high and venerable Mystery,
art thyself both Priest and Sacrifice, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who, in the sacred Memorial of thy
Death, hast abridged all thy Wonders into one
accumulative Miracle, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who, in this admirable Sacrament, hast
contracted all thy Blessings into one stupendous
Bounty, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who, by this blessed Fruit of the Tree of
Life, restorest us again to Immortality, *Have Mer-
cy on us.*

Jesus, who, by sanctifying the most familiar and
necessary of thy Creatures, to build us up into a
pure Desire of thee, teachest us the only right Use
of all the rest, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who, by becoming thyself our daily Food
in this Life, preparest us to feed on thee eternally
in the next, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who, in this divine Banquet of Charity,
givest us Possession of thy Grace here, and a secure
Pledge of our Glory hereafter, *Have Mercy on us.*

Have Mercy, O Lord, and pardon our Sins.

Have Mercy, O Lord, and hear our Prayers.

From presuming to measure the Omnipotence
of God by the short Discourse of human Under-
standing, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From presuming to interpret the great Secrets
of thy Will by the uncertain Rules of our private
Conceits, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From all Distraction and Irreverence in assisting
at this dreadful Sacrifice, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From neglecting to come to this Holy Table,
and

and from coming negligently, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From the unworthy and unfruitful receiving of this adorable Sacrament, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From all Hardness of Heart, and Ingratitude for so unspeakable a Blessing, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

By thy irresistible Power, which changes the Course of Nature as thou pleasest, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

By thy unsearchable Wisdom, which disposes all Things in perfect Order, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

By thy infinite Goodness, which freely bestows on us thyself in this incomprehensible Mystery, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

By thy blessed Body, broken for us on the Cross, and really given to us in the holy Communion, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

By thy precious Blood, shed for us on the Cross, and substantially present in the Chalice of Benediction, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

We Sinners beseech thee, hear us.

That we may always believe nothing more reasonable, than to submit our Reason to thee, We beseech thee, hear us.

That, by this sacred Obligation, we may solemnly acknowledge thy infinite Perfections, in thyself, and supreme Dominion over all Things, We beseech thee, hear us.

That, by this sacred Obligation, we may humbly acknowledge our perpetual Dependance on thee, and absolute Subjection to the Disposal of thy Will, We beseech thee, hear us.

That we may eternally adore thy Goodness, who, having no need of us, hast contrived such strangely endearing Motives to make us love thee, and be happy, We beseech thee, hear us.

That we may thankfully comply with thy gracious condescending to be united to us, by a fervent

vent Desire of becoming one with thee, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That still before we approach to this Royal Feast of Love, we may sincerely endeavour to be reconciled to thee, and be in perfect Charity with all the World, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That, in the Instant of receiving thy sacred Body, our Souls may dissolve into Reverence and Love, to attend and entertain so glorious a Guest, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That, returning from this great and holy *Eucharist*, we may recollect all our Thoughts to praise and bleſs thee, and immediately apply our utmost Endeavours to the real Amendment of our Lives, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That, by this heavenly Preservative; our Hearts may be healed of all Infirmities, and strengthened against all Relapses, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That, as by Faith we adore thee here under these sacred Veils, we may hereafter see thee Face to Face, and in that blissful Vision eternally rejoice, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the Sins of the World; *Spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the Sins of the World; *Hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the Sins of the World; *Have Mercy on us.*

The Antiphon.

THE glorious King of Heaven and Earth, to shew the Riches of his Bounty, hath prepared a solemn and splendid Feast, and calls even the meanest of his Subjects to sit down at his Table, by this gracious Invitation: *Come to me all you that labour and are oppressed, and I will refresh you; for my Flesh is Meat indeed, and my Blood is Drink indeed.*

Vers.

Vers. Thou hast given us, O Lord, Bread from Heaven. *Alleluia.*

Resp. Replenished with all Sweetness and Delight. *Alleluia.*

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

The Prayer.

O God, who, in this wonderful Sacrament, hast left us a perpetual Memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence these sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may continually perceive in our Souls the Fruit of thy Redemption; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest ever one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A Prayer in Honour of the Lord's Passion.

I Beseech thee, O Lord *Jesus Christ*, that thy precious Death may be my Resurrection and Life; thy sacred Wounds, my Remedy and Cure; and thy most holy Body and Blood, my Meat and Drink. May thy blessed Passion bring me to everlasting Glory: And let it be my Joy, Study and Desire, as it is the Health and Safety of my Soul, to meditate on these thy Mercies, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the holy Catholick Church.

DEDEFEND us, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, from all Dangers of Body and Soul: And, by the Intercession of the blessed glorious Virgin *Mary*, of the holy Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*, of the blessed St. *N.* and all the Saints, grant us the Mercies of Peace, and of Safety, that, all Adversities and Errors being abolished, thy Church may serve thee in Freedom and Security. Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ*. *Amen.*

Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.

EVENING PRAYERS FOR THURSDAY.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Evening Prayers for Sunday, pag. 61, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. pag. 62.

The 125th Psalm.

This Psalm seems to relate to the Time when the Jews were brought back from the first Captivity of Babylon; and therefore the Author congratulates the People upon the Greatness of so unexpected a Felicity; after which he prays God to finish the Work he has begun, and foretels that happy Days are at last to succeed.

WHEN our Lord turned back the Captivity of Sion, we became as Men comforted.

Then was our Mouth replenished with Joy, and our Tongue with Gladness.

Then shall they say among the Gentiles, the Lord hath done magnificently for them.

Our Lord hath done magnificently with us; we are made joyful.

Turn our Captivity, O Lord, as a Torrent in the South.

They that sow in Tears shall reap in Joyfulness.

As they went, they marched and wept, casting their Seed.

But returning they shall come with Joyfulness: carrying their Sheaves.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The

The 127th Psalm.

In this Psalm the Prophet shews, that by fearing God we become happy even in this Life. Figuratively is meant the Happiness of the Church of Jesus Christ.

BLESSED are all that fear the Lord, that walk in his Ways.

Because thou shalt eat the Labours of thy Hands: Thou art happy, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy Wife shall be as a plentiful Vine on the Sides of thy House.

Thy Children, as young Plants of Olive-Trees round about thy Table.

Behold, so shall the Man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

May the Lord bless thee from *Sion*: and may'st thou see the Prosperity of *Jerusalem* all the Days of thy Life.

And may'st thou see thy Children's Children, Peace upon *Israel*.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 132d Psalm.

This Psalm declares the Happiness of Unity among the Faithful.

BEHOLD how good, and how delightful it is, for Brethren to dwell together.

As Ointment on the Head, which ran down upon the Beard, the Beard of *Aaron*.

Which ran down upon the Border of his Garment; as the Dew of *Hermon*, falling upon Mount *Sion*.

Because there the Lord has ordained a Blessing, and Life even for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The

The 133d Psalm.

*All those who serve God are exhorted to pray to him,
and bless him both by Day and by Night.*

COME now bless the Lord, all ye Servants of
the Lord.

You that stand in the House of the Lord, in the
Courts of the House of our God.

In the Night-time lift up your Hands to the
Sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

The Lord bless thee from Sion: Who made the
Heaven and Earth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 116th Psalm.

*This Psalm is to be understood of the Vocation of the
Gentiles, and the Uniting all the People of the
Earth, Jews and Gentiles, in one Society, viz.
the Church of Christ.*

PRAISE ye the Lord, all Nations: Praise him,
all ye Peoples.

Because his Mercy has been mighty upon us,
and the Truth of the Lord remains for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Antiphon.

BEHOLD, *Mary* hath born us a Saviour; whom
John seeing, cried out, saying, Behold the
Lamb of God: Behold him that takes away the
Sins of the World. *Alleluia.*

A Prayer for a penitent Sinner after his Relapse.

O Lord *Jesus Christ*, behold now again I have
offended thee (*by this Word, or by this Sin*)
unhappy Wretch, and ungrateful Sinner that I am;
I have dishonoured thy Majesty, and rejected thy
Love, which ought to be more dear and precious
to me than all Things else.

Thou knowest, O Lord, how carnal I am still:
how little mortified; how full of Concupiscence;
how

how much I float in external Pleasures; how often I am taken up by vain Fancies; how negligent I am in spiritual Exercises; how light and dissolute in my Conversation; how prone to Laughter, how slow to Tears and Compunction; how unadvised and inconsiderate in speaking; how impatient in keeping silence; how greedy to eat or drink; how deaf to pious Admonition; how attentive to idle or useless Talk; how slothful and distracted at my Prayers; how suddenly troubled and hindered from doing Good; how many Things I purpose, whereof I accomplish none.

O my Lord, and my God, I am grieved that I have so little Grief; and I most earnestly desire, that thou would'st wound my Heart with perfect Contrition; for from thee proceeds Grace and Mercy; from us, nothing but Sin and Perdition. Assist me therefore, I beseech thee, with thy Grace, that henceforward I may keep from offending thee in any Manner, and, for this End, carefully avoid every Occasion that may endanger my Relapse. Amen.

A Prayer to our Blessed Saviour, to have Mercy on us, tho' we turn too late to him.

O Glorious Jesus, the Fountain of all Sweetness, pardon me that I have not hitherto, according to my Duty, acknowledged thee, who art the true and perfect Sweetness, nor have endeavoured to place my Delight in thee; that I have not regarded thee, the Beauty of my Soul, nor sought after its happy Union with thy blessed Spirit. Pardon me, that I have so seldom considered the State of my Conscience, and so little laboured to prepare my Heart for the receiving of thee; that so it might have pleased thee to have come into it, and made it the Place of thy Abode.

O loving

O loving Lord, have Mercy on me, most unthankful Sinner, who have neither diligently sought to know thy Will, nor yet obeyed what I knew. I have imitated the Prodigal Child; and, instead of placing my chief Delight in thy holy Service, as that wherein my greatest Good consists, I have served Swine, and fed my Affections with the vain and filthy Pleasures of the World. Forgive me, O good Lord, that I came no sooner to the Knowledge of thee, and that I have run so slowly after the sweet Savour of thy heavenly Goodness. Withdraw not thy Grace from me, nor refuse to help me, tho' I come late; but, because my Days are spent, vouchsafe the more abundantly to assist me, and the more strongly to draw me to thee, that, making more Haste, I may recover the Time which I have lost by my Negligence. O Lord, I beseech thee, that Death may not take me out of this World, before I arrive to that Degree of Holiness which thou requirest of me; that is, till I am united to thy Holy Spirit, by a pure and perfect Life. *Amen.*

A Prayer to obtain the fervent Love of God, of our Neighbours, and of our Enemies.

O Dearest Saviour *Jesus Christ*, who hast loved and washed us with thy precious Blood, and offered up thyself to Death for us; who wert reckoned amongst the Wicked, and most cruelly wounded for our Iniquities: Thou wert bruised for our Offences, and by thy Stripes we are healed. I beseech thee, O Lord, for the Sake of thy unspeakable Mercy, inflame my Heart with thy heavenly Grace; that the Fire of thy Charity may always burn in my Soul, and produce in it such chaste Affections, such a tender Pity, and such a disinterested Benevolence, as may for the Love of thee, and in Imitation of thy universal Love, be extended to all Creatures.

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Fill my Soul, O Lord, with thy fervent and perpetual Charity; that, in all Things, and above all, I may love thee; and, according to thy holy Law, love my Neighbour, in thee, and for thee.

Grant me Grace, I humbly beseech thee, that to thy greater Glory, I may with all my Heart love, desire, and endeavour the Salvation and Advantage of every one.

Grant me, O Lord, perfectly to love my Enemies, not in Word or Shew only, but in Deed and Truth. Take from me all Bitterness of Mind, all Anger, Disdain, Suspicion, Envy, and whatever is contrary to pure and sincere Charity; so that in plain Simplicity of Heart I may have a good Opinion of all, judging none rashly, but loving every one in thee, with most holy and hearty Affection; and that I may shew them, both by Words and Actions, all Sweetness, Clemency and Love. Amen.

A Prayer that we may receive the blessed Sacrament before our Death.

O My God, and my Lord, I praise and blessthee, that thou hast vouchsafed me the Grace often to participate of thy great Mysteries; to be fed with the divine Food of thy holy Sacrament, and comforted with thy sweet and blessed Presence. O most merciful and loving Redeemer, let every Tongue blessthee, and every Creature celebrate thy Bounty, for this inestimable Gift. And as for me, because Praise is not comely in the Mouth of a Sinner, I humbly offer thee, O my God, all the Praises of the Angels and blessed Saints, who continually adore thee, and sing thy Glory.

O glorious Jesus, I beseech thee, before I die, vouchsafe me the Graces of true Confession, Contrition and Satisfaction for all my Offences; and that, at the Hour of my Death, I may humbly adore,

adore, and devoutly receive thee, God and Man, *Christ Jesus*, Saviour of the World, in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar: And so, with full Pardon of all my Sins, I may end my Life in Peace, in the true Faith of thy holy Church, and in perfect Love and Charity with all the World. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Friend or Benefactor.

OMnipotent and ever-living God, have Mercy on thy Servant *N.* for the Love of thy sweet Son, our Saviour *Jesus Christ*, the true Light and Life of all that shall be saved. O *Jesus*, the only Begotten of the Father, equal God with the Father and the Holy Ghost, conserve and keep him in thy Grace, Favour and Love; suffer him not to be drawn from thee, thro' any subtle Persuasion of the Enemy. O Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, the Comforter of the Elect, the Inspirer of all good Gifts, the only Teacher of all Truth; grant, that by thy Grace he may evermore dwell in Truth. Replenish his Heart with all charitable Desires and heavenly Inspirations necessary to his Salvation. Grant this, O eternal God, for the bitter Passion of our Saviour *Jesus Christ*, and by the Intercession of the glorious Virgin *Mary*, and all thy Angels and Saints. *Amen.*

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

OHoly *Mary*, Mother of God, and faithful Comforter of the Desolate; by that great Joy, wherewith thy Heart was filled, when thou knewest that our Lord *Jesus* was risen from Death and became glorious and impassable: Be a Comfort to my Soul at the Hour of Death, that, by the Help of thy Intercession, I may so pass out of this Life, as to avoid the Sentence of perpetual Damnation, and obtain a glorious Resurrection. *Amen.*

*Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers
for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.*

MORNING PRAYERS FOR F R I D A Y.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 36. unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. Come let us adore, &c. pag. 37.

The 119th Psalm.

This Psalm, and fourteen more that follow, are called by the Title of Gradual; because they were sung by the Watchmen, on the Steps before the Temple Door. David seems to have made this Psalm in the Time of his Banishment; he begs of God to deliver him from the Treachery of his Enemies, and deplores his Exile amongst barbarous People.

WHEN I was in Tribulation, I cried to the Lord, and he heard me.

O Lord, deliver my Soul from unjust Lips, and from a deceitful Tongue.

What is to be given to thee, or what is to be added to thee? I say to a deceitful Tongue.

The pointed Arrows of the Mighty One, with Coals that bring Desolation.

Alas, that my Sojourning is prolonged! I have dwelt with the Inhabitants of Cedar: My Soul hath been long a Sojourner.

I was peaceable with those that hated Peace; when I spoke to them, they set upon me for no Reason.

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The 120th Psalm.

The Author of this Psalm teacheth, that Help is only to be expected from God, who always takes Care of the Safety of his People.

I Have lifted up my Eyes to the Mountains, from whence Help will come to me.

My Help is from the Lord, who made the Heaven and Earth.

May he not suffer thy Foot to stagger; and may he not slumber, that keeps thee.

Lo, he will not slumber, nor sleep, who keepeth Israel.

The Lord keepeth thee; the Lord is thy Protection; on thy Right-hand.

The Sun shall not burn thee by Day, nor the Moon by Night.

The Lord keepeth thee from all Evil; the Lord keep thy Soul.

The Lord guard thy coming in, and thy going out, from this present Time and for ever.

The 122d Psalm.

This Psalm contains an excellent Prayer made to God by the Just, when they are oppressed by their Enemies.

I Have lifted up my Eyes to thee, who dwellest in the Heavens.

Behold, as the Eyes of Servants are on the Hands of their Masters;

As the Eyes of the Hand-maid are on the Hands of her Mistress; so are our Eyes on the Lord our God, until he have Mercy on us.

Have Mercy on us, O Lord, have Mercy on us; because we are over-loaden with Contempt.

Because our Soul is over-loaden: Being the Object of Reproach to the Wealthy, and of Contempt to the Proud.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer to Christ crucified for us.

O Merciful Jesus, Redeemer of the World, whose sacred Head was crowned with Thorns; whose Hands and Feet were stretch'd out on a Cross, and cruelly bored thro' with Nails; whose Sides were pierced with a Spear; after which, immediately, there gushed out Water and Blood; whose whole Body was ignominiously crucified between two Thieves.

What Tongue can express those innumerable and most bitter Pains, which thy Innocence suffered? We beseech thee, by these excessive Torments, which thou endured'st for us, to enlighten our Souls with the Light of thy Knowledge, to moderate our unruly Passions, to strengthen our Hands to good Works, and convert our Footsteps into thy Ways. O Lord, direct our Thoughts, Words, and Deeds, according to thy holy Law; and, at the End of our Life, bring us to thy everlasting Kingdom, where, with thy holy Angels, we may praise thee for ever, who livest and reignest, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A Prayer wherein we acknowledge Man to be the Cause of Christ's Sufferings.

WHAT hast thou done, sweet Jesus, that this Judgment should pass against thee? What hast thou done, that thou should'st be so hardly dealt with? What is thy Offence? What is thy Guilt? What the Cause of thy Death? What the Occasion of thy Condemnation? I am truly the Author of thy Suffering; my Fault hath caused thee to be slain; my wicked Life has brought thee to this Death. Vengeance is taken of thee for my Crimes: Thou art thus tormented for me, and I am the Occasion of all thy Smart.

O marvellous Order and Method of Judgment ! O strange and mysterious Proceeding ! The wicked Man sinneth, and the just Person is punished ; the Guilty offends, and the Innocent is chastised ; the Sinner transgresseth, and the righteous Man is condemned. What the Bad has deserved the Good has suffered. What the Servant has incurred by doing amiss, the Master takes upon himself, by undergoing the Penalty ; and where miserable Man committed the Trespass, the Son of God lays down his own Life to satisfy the Debt. Whither has thy Humility descended ? What has thy fervent Love forced thee to ? How far has thy Mercy extended itself ? To what a Point is thy Compassion come ? I have done wickedly, and thou art punished : I have committed a grievous Fault, and it is laid to thy Charge : I am the Offender, and thou art put to the Torture : I was puffed up with Pride, and thou wert made of no Repute : I was disobedient, and thou suffered'st the Penalty of my Rebellion : I have pampered myself with Delicacies, and thou wert often afflicted with Hunger and Thirst : My inordinate Affections caused me to do unlawful Things, and thy perfect Charity brought thee to suffer an ignominious Death : I presumed to do what I was forbidden, and thou submitted'st thyself to Rebukes even for thy good Works : I delight in Liberty and Pleasure, and thou art fastened to the Cross with intolerable Pain : I live at Ease, and thy Hands and Feet are pierced with Nails : I taste the pleasing Apple, and thou the bitter Gall. With *Eve* I gratify my unlawful Desires ; when, with blessed *Mary*, I ought to lament, to see thee expire in the Extremity of Torments.

Behold, O King of Glory, what my Iniquity is, and what thy Mercy ! How excessive my

Wickedness, and how infinite thy Goodness! O my King, and my God, what can I possibly offer thee in Acknowledgment of thy Bounty? Man's Heart is not able to invent, much less can his Poverty provide a worthy Oblation for so great Benefits. I beseech thee therefore, for thy Mercies Sake, cause me from henceforth to renounce all the Enticements of the World; and, for Love of thee, not to fear any Adversities threatened by it, but despise even Death itself: So that, having perpetually in Remembrance the Happiness of Heaven, I may make no Account either of the Pleasures or Afflictions of this transitory Life.

Let nothing please me, but that which is acceptable to thee: Nor any Thing offend me, but that which is disagreeable to thy Will. Let all Things besides thee seem tedious to me, and may I never be wearied in seeking after thee. Let no Joy delight me that is without thee: And let me rejoice in all Afflictions which I suffer for thee. May the Remembrance of thee be my Consolation, and turn my Tears into Nourishment, whilst I seek thy Righteousnes. Let the Law of thy Mouth be more precious to me than Thousands of Gold and Silver. Let it be my chief Delight to obey thee, and greatest Grief to displease thee.

I humbly beseech thee (my only Hope) that thou wilt be propitious to me, and pardon all my Iniquities; open my Ears to hear what thou commandest, and incline my Heart to comply with what I hear.

Let me always keep within the Paths of thy Commandments, and neither seek nor admit any Pretence of deviating from them; that, at my Death, I may be found in the true Way to thy Felicity, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer,

A Prayer, wherein we offer to God the Passion of his Son.

BEHOLD, O Holy Father, thy dearly beloved Son, so cruelly tormented for my Sake! Behold, most merciful King, who it is that suffers, and remember for whom he suffers!

Is it not thy most innocent Son, O Lord, whom thou hast delivered unto Death, that he might redeem thy Servants? Is it not the Author of Life, who, being led as a Sheep to the Slaughter, was made obedient to Death, and even the most cruel Kind of Death?

Call to Mind, O Eternal Author of all Goodness, that this is thy only begotten Son, whom thou hast made Partaker of my Infirmitiy and Weakness. Verily, this is thy Son, the Son of the living God, who, being cloathed with my Nature, ascended the Gibbet of the Cross, on which he suffered a most painful Death.

O Lord, cast the Eyes of thy Majesty on the Work of thy ineffable Bounty; behold thy most sweet Son, with his whole Body stretched out; behold his innocent Hands streaming with his precious Blood; and mercifully pardon those Faults, which my Hands have committed. Look upon his naked Side pierced with a Spear, and bathe my Soul in that sacred Fountain, which I do believe to have flowed from thence. Consider his holy Feet, which never stood in the Way of Sinners, but always walked in thy Law, with hard and rough Nails fastened to the Cross, and guide my Steps in the Path of thy Commandments. O my God, make me hate the Ways of Iniquity, and ever chuse those of Truth and Piety.

O immortal and invisible King of all Ages, I beseech thee, for the Sake of this Holy of Holies,

of this my Redeemer, cause me continually to remember his excessive Love; that I may be united to him in Spirit, who disdained not to be cloathed with my Flesh.

Blessed Father, seest thou not the Head of thy dear Son bowed down, and ready to give up the Ghost? Behold, most meek Creator, the suffering Humanity of thy beloved Son, and have Mercy on the Frailty of thy Creature. His innocent and sacred Breast is naked, and exposed to the Severity of the Weather, and to the Cruelty of his Torturers; his Side purpled with his own Blood; his Bowels dried up; his fair and beautiful Eyes grown dim and faint; his royal Visage pale; and his pierced Hands and Feet bathed in their own Gore.

Behold, O glorious Father, the torn Body of thy beloved Son, and graciously remember what my Substance is: Behold the Sufferings of Jesus thy Son, and release the Miseries of Man, thy Creature. Behold the Punishment of the Redeemer, and forgive the Offences of the Redeemed. This is he, O my Lord, whom thou hast smitten for the Sins of thy People, altho' he was thy Beloved, in whom thou art well pleased: This is that innocent Person, in whom there was found no Guilt, and yet he was reputed among the Wicked.

THE HYMN.

Hominis superne Conditor.

MAN's sovereign God, to whom we owe
Both all we are, and all we do:
Who, from the teeming Womb of Earth,
Giv'st servile Brutes and Reptiles Birth;
That Monsters of the Land and Deep,
Awak'd to Life from Realms of Sleep,
By Turns might their Obedience pay
To noble Man's imperial Sway:

Suppress

SUPPRESS whate'er by sensual Arts,
Like Insects, breeds in earthly Hearts,
Before those Sins to Monsters grow,
And move the Wheels of all we do.

From noisy Strife our Souls release,
Cement the Ties of heavenly Peace:
Show'r down thy Streams of Grace, till we
Meet our Reward and Bliss in thee.

In this, most gracious Father, hear,
Thro' Christ, thy equal Son, our Pray'r;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Resides and reigns eternally.

The Antiphon.

THE chief of the Priests held a Council, that
they might kill Jesus; but they said, Not on
a Feast Day, lest peradventure a Tumult may
arise among the People.

Vers. Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil Man.

Resp. From the unjust Man deliver me.

The Prayer.

POUR thy Grace, we beseech thee, O Lord,
into our Hearts; that, curbing our Sins with
voluntary Chastisements, we may rather suffer tem-
porally, than be doom'd to everlasting Punishments.
Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son; who, with
thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one
God, World without End. *Amen.*

The LITANY of our Blessed SAVIOUR.

L ORD have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Jesus receive our Prayers.

Lord *Jesus* grant our Petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the World, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Have Mercy on us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfector of the Elect,
Have Mercy on us.

O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have Mercy on us.

Iesu, eternal Son of the living God, *Have Mercy on us.*

Iesu, most blessed Son of the Virgin *Mary*, *Have Mercy on us.*

Iesu, God and Man in two Natures, one Divine Person, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may entirely submit our Reason to the Obedience of Faith, and so much the more exalt the Wonders of thy Love, as they exceed the Capacity of all human Understanding.

Iesu, the increased Wisdom of the Father, by whom all Things were made, and by the Word of whose Power they are sustained, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may continually praise thy Sovereign Majesty for the excellent Being thou hast given us, acknowledging our Dependance every Moment on thee, and adoring thy unsearchable Counsels in the Government of the World.

Iesu, who for us Sinners did'st descend from thy Throne of Glory, and take upon thee the Form of a Servant, chusing a poor Stable for the Place of thy Birth, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may content ourselves with the lowest Condition, wherein thy Providence shall place us, and, without complaining, want (if it be thy Will) even the ordinary Accommodations of this Life.

Iesu, who, in thy Holy Circumcision, did'st receive that blessed Name, and after that wert declared

declared the World's Redeemer, by the Tribute and Adoration of Kings, *Have Mercy on us.*

That at the Name of JESUS our Knees and Hearts may bow, and every Tongue confess, that thou, O Lord, art in the Glory of God the Father.

Jesus, who, in the tender Age of a new born Child, wert forced to save thy Life, by flying into Egypt, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may rather forsake all worldly Comforts of Friends, Estate or Country, than endanger the offending of our Saviour, and the losing of our own Souls.

Jesus, who becamest subject to thy Parents, so much inferior in Dignity to thee, and disdained'st not to serve them in their humble Life, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may not only with due Respect obey our Superiors, but willingly do any serviceable Office for the meanest Person in the World.

Jesus, who, after a long Concealment of thyself, did'st publish to the World thy admirable Manner of Life, travelling on Foot, in Poverty, Hunger, and Thirst, and begging, as an Alms, even a Cup of cold Water, *Have Mercy on us.*

That our private Lives being hidden in thee, we may improve thy Gifts without Danger of Vain-glory; and esteeming ourselves as Pilgrims on Earth, thirst earnestly after thee, the Fountain which springs to eternal Life.

Jesus, who healed'st every where the Diseased both in Soul and Body, and wearied'st thyself to relieve our Infirmities, passing the Day in Works of Mercy, and watching whole Nights in Prayer; often retiring alone, and fasting many Days together, to teach us the Way and Practice of Contemplation, *Have Mercy on us.*

That our publick Actions being directed to the Benefit of others, we may freely employ on them what we freely receive from thee; and subduing our Bodies with a just and discreet Severity, render our Minds more fitly dispos'd for Prayer and Meditation.

Jesus, who, for our Encouragement, did'st suffer thyself to be tempted in the Desart; where having thrice subdued the Enemy of Mankind, thy Victory was celebrated by the Adoration of Angels, Have Mercy on us.

That, being strengthened by thy Divine Assistance, we may always overcome our Temptations with Joy; and when thro' our many Corruptions we unhappily fall into Sin, thy Grace may still enable us to rise again by Repentance.

Jesus, whose sacred Life was a continual Course of suffering Evil for us, and doing Good to us, opening by thy Doctrine an easy Way to Heaven, and soliciting, by thy Miracles, our Acceptance of Salvation, Have Mercy on us.

That we may faithfully comply with thy gracious Design of bringing us to eternal Happiness, by believing firmly the Truth of thy Word, and following (tho' imperfectly) the Pattern of thy Life.

Jesus, who for our Example did'st wash thy Disciples Feet, and for our Comfort institute that blessed Mystery, which both conveys thee really to us, and offers thee truly to thy Father for us, Have Mercy on us.

That we may prepare ourselves with the purest Affections of Love, Humility, and Gratitude, reverently to assist at the adorable Sacrifice of the Altar, and thankfully to receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Saviour.

Jesus,

Jesus, who, prostrate with thy Face upon the Earth, pray'dst thrice to thy Father for Deliverance, and, in the Fervor of thy Agony, did'st sweat Drops of Blood, till thou wert relieved by an Angel, *Have Mercy on us.*

That, by the outward Gesture of our Bodies, we may increase the inward Devotion of our Minds, and in often repeating the same Prayer still advance to new Degrees of pious Affections, and obtain at last thy gracious Answer, for the Supply of all our Necessities.

Jesus, who wert betrayed by one of thy own Disciples, and forsaken by all the rest, who forbad'st the Resistance of publick Authority, and restored'st to thy Enemy the Ear he had lost in assaulting thee, *Have Mercy on us.*

That neither for Reward, nor for Danger, we may withdraw our Fidelity from thee; but learn, by thy Example, to do Good for Evil with Cheapfulness, and receive Evil for Good with Patience.

Jesus, who, for our Redemption, did'st deliver thyself to the Violence of thy Enemies, freely suffering them to bind thy Hands, which, even for them, had wrought so many Miracles, and to spit on thy Face, which the Angels behold with Joy and Adoration, *Have Mercy on us.*

That the Sins of our Hands being loosed by the binding of thine, and our vain Affections confounded by the Indecencies cast upon thee, we may have no other Desire but to contemplate in Heaven the Glory of thy Countenance.

Jesus, who for us did'st permit their malicious Impiety to blindfold thy Eyes, and strike thee on thy Cheeks, to accuse thee falsely, and condemn thee unjustly, to compare *Barabbas* with thee, and even prefer him before thee, *Have Mercy on us.*

That, knowing no Darkness can hide us from thy Sight, we may demean ourselves, as becomes thy Presence; and, after a just and prudent Defence of our Innocence, quiet'ly submit to the scandalous Censures, and injurious Disparagements which we meet with in the World.

Jesus, who for us did'st permit their barbarous Insolence to strip thee of thy Cloaths, and mock thee with a purple Garment; to wound thy Head with a Crown of Thorns, and all thy Body with cruel Scourgings, *Have Mercy on us.*

That, for thy Sake, we may patiently bear the being divested of all Things, and exposed to the Derision of all Men, hoping in thy faithful Promises, that, if we are afflicted for thee here, we shall be glorified with thee hereafter.

Jesus, who for us did'st permit their insatiable Fury to load thee with a heavy Cross, and shamefully crucified thee between two Thieves, to affront thee in thy Thirst with Vinegar and Gall, and blaspheme thy Meekness with bitter Reproaches; all which thy incomparable Patience cheerfully received and offered to thy Father, even for thy Persecutors, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may continually meditate the Mysteries of thy Passion, and deeply fix our Thoughts in the Wonders of thy Charity; till, transported with Admiration of thy Love to us, inflamed with a perfect Love of thee, we break forth into thy Praises, and for ever establish this Principle, as the chief Desire of our Hearts, to live and die in the Union of thy Love.

Jesus, who, having conquered the Power of Darkness, did'st release thy Servants from their long Captivity; and, overcoming Death, did'st raise thy own crucified Body to a glorious Life, *Have Mercy on us.*

That

That thy Victory over the Grave may strengthen us against the Fear of Death, and the infinite Value of thy Sufferings here redeem the many Punishments due to our Sins hereafter.

Jesus, who, by thy triumphant Ascension, did'st open the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers, and, seated at the Right-hand of thy Father, did'st vouchsafe to become our eternal Mediator, *Have Mercy on us.*

That, weaning our Minds from the Vanities here below, we may place our Affections on the Joys that are above, ever adoring the Majesty of thy Glory, and wholly relying on the Efficacy of thy Merits.

Jesus, who, in thy compassionate Providence, did'st miraculously send the Holy Ghost to lead thy Church into all Truth, and comfort thy Servants in all their Tribulations, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may neither prophaneley resist, nor falsely pretend the Motions of thy blessed Spirit, but, by Submission to thy Church, secure our Faith from Error, and by Dependance on thee, establish our Hope in Peace.

Jesus, who at the great and general Day shalt severely judge every one according to his Works, rewarding thy Servants with eternal Life, and condemning Sinners to everlasting Death, *Have Mercy on us.*

That we may always be ready to give an Account of our Consciences, and so with Joy expect the Coming of our Judge, hoping to possess that glorious Inheritance, which thy Goodness prepared, and Suffering purchased, for the Souls of thy Elect.

Be merciful, *O Jesus*, and pardon our Sins.

Be merciful, *O Jesus*, and hear our Prayers.

The

The Prayer.

O Sovereign Lord, and blessed Saviour of the World, who, on no other Motive but thy Mercy, did'st humble and abase thyself to Death for our Redemption, and then did'st ascend to thy Father for the full Accomplishment of our Peace: Graciously apply to our Souls the infinite Merits of thy sacred Passion, and with thy precious Blood cleanse us from all our Sins; nail them to thy Cross, and bury them in the Grave, that they may die in us, and we live in thee, the Life of Grace here, and be united to thee in the Kingdom of Glory hereafter; where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, thou livest and reignest one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A short Prayer to our blessed Saviour, which may be said at any Hour, and repeated five Times in Honour of his five Wounds, or any other Mystery of our Redemption; together with Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. and I believe in God, &c.

Gloria, Honour, and Praise, be to thee, Lord Jesus Christ; may all the World adore thee: Blessed be thy holy Name, who, for us Sinners, vouchsafed'st to be born of an humble Virgin; and blessed be thy infinite Goodness, who died'st on the Cross for our Redemption.

O Jesus, Son of God and Saviour of Mankind, have Mercy on us; and dispose our Lives here by thy Grace, that we may hereafter rejoice with thee for ever in thy Glory. *Amen.*

Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.

EVENING

EVENING PRAYERS FOR F R I D A Y.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Evening Prayers for Sunday, pag. 61, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. pag. 62.

The 123d Psalm.

This Psalm appears to be a Thanksgiving which the Prophet put into the Mouth of the Jews, after their Return from Babylon.

HAD it not been that the Lord was among us; let Israel now say, had it not been that the Lord was among us.

When the Men rose up against us; perhaps they had devoured us up alive.

When their Fury was enraged against us; perhaps the Waters had swallowed us up.

Our Soul has passed thro' a Torrent: Perhaps our Soul had passed thro' an irresistible Water.

Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us for a Prey to their Teeth.

Our Soul is delivered like a Sparrow out of the Snare of the Fowlers.

The Snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Our Help is in the Name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 124th Psalm.

In this Psalm God declares himself the Protector of his People of Israel, and promiseth to support them against all their Enemies, which chiefly is to be understood

derstood of the Church, which comprehends the true People of God, and which our Lord has promised to preserve to the End of the World.

THEY that trust in our Lord are as Mount Sion: He that dwells in Jerusalem shall never be moved.

He is encompassed with Mountains; and the Lord encompasseth his People, from this present and for ever.

Because the Lord will not permit the Rod of Sinners to be upon the Lot of the Just; that the Just may not extend their Hands to Iniquity.

Do well, O Lord, to the good and righteous of Heart.

But those that turn into perverse Ways the Lord will bring with such as work Iniquity.

Peace be upon Israel.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 24th Psalm.

It is probable that David made this Psalm in the Time of the Rebellion of Absalom. It contains the Prayer of a Man in great Straits, begging the Assistance of God against his Enemies, and the Pardon of his Sins.

TO thee, O Lord, I have raised up my Soul: My God, I put my Trust in thee, let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my Enemies laugh at me: For all that wait for thee shall not be confounded.

Let all be confounded, who do unjust Things with vain Attempts.

Lord, shew me thy Ways, and teach me thy Paths.

Direct me in thy Truth, and teach me; because thou, O God, art my Saviour, and I have waited for thee all the Day.

Remember

Remember, O Lord, thy Compassion: And thy Mercies, which are from the Beginning of the World.

Call not to mind the Sins of my Youth, and my Ignorances.

According to thy Mercy do thou remember me, for thy Goodness Sake, O Lord.

Our Lord is mild and righteous: For this Cause he will give a Law to such as go wrong in their Way.

He will guide the Meek in Judgment: He will teach the Mild his Ways.

All the Ways of the Lord are Mercy and Truth: To such as seek after his Testament and his Testimonies.

For thy Name's Sake, O Lord, thou wilt be merciful to my Sin, for it is manifold.

Who is the Man that fears the Lord? He has given him a Law in the Way he hath chosen.

His Soul shall abide in good Things: And his Seed shall inherit the Land.

Our Lord is a Support to them that fear him: and his Testament is, that he may be made manifest unto them.

My Eyes are always towards the Lord: Because he will take my Feet out of the Snare

Look upon me, and pity me; because I am alone, and poor.

The Tribulations of my Heart are multiplied; deliver me out of my Necessities.

Behold my low and my weary Condition: And forgive me all my Sins.

Look on my Enemies; because they are multiplied, and have hated me with an unjust Hatred.

Keep my Soul, and deliver me; let me not be put to shame; because I have hoped in thee.

The

The Innocent and the Righteous have adhered to me; because I have waited for thee.

Deliver *Israel*, O God, out of all his Tribulations.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Antiphon.

CALL not to mind, O Lord, the Offences of my Youth, and my Ignorances.

A devout Prayer.

O Sovereign, dreadful, and most loving Lord, my God, who never ceasest to shew thy Mercy towards Sinners; and with infinite Clemency and Love forbearest not to heap thy Benefits upon them, even when they offend thee; I, most sinful Wretch, yield thee humble Thanks for thy unspeakable Goodness, in creating me to thy own Likeness, rendering me capable of thy everlasting Glory, and making so many other Creatures for my Use and Sustenance.

I bless thee for that inestimable Work of my Redemption, whereby thy only Son delivered me from the Slavery of *Satan*, and purchased for me a free Entrance into thy celestial Kingdom: For having singled me out amongst so many Millions, that know thee not, and lie buried in Ignorance and miserable Errors, to be thy Servant, and a Member of the true Catholick Church: For thy most Holy Sacraments; especially for that glorious Mystery, above all others, wherein thy Son himself is most really contained: For preserving me so many Times from Hell, which my Sins would long since have cast me into, had not thy inestimable Goodness delivered me. For these, and all thy other Benefits, namely, for those thou hast this Day most bountifully bestowed upon me,

*[Here call to mind such Benefits as you have received
this]*

this Day.] O my Sovereign Lord, I offer thee the most sincere, and most dutiful Thanks that my poor Heart is capable of offering; beseeching the blessed Virgin, and all the Saints of Heaven, to supply my Defects with their perfect Praises.

And now, my only God and Saviour, I humbly crave the Light of thy Grace, to know wherein I have this Day any way offended thee; and, by a mature and thorough Discussion of my Conscience to see my own Sins with Sorrow and thy unspeakable Mercy, with a zealous and firm Purpose of Amendment. [*Here examine yourself how you have employed the Day, in Thought, Word, and Deed, towards God and your Neighbours.*] Thou seest, O Lord, my Sinfulness, and knowest my Misery much better than myself. I am sorry with all my Heart, that I still offend so loving a Lord, and wish that my Sorrow were far greater. I purposed to do better by thy Grace, which was not wanting; yet I have fallen again into my former Trespass. Thy Goodness, O Lord, forbids me to despair; and therefore I will continually trust to thy Mercies in all Events, and firmly resolve every Day to amend my Life. Deliver me, O my God, from all mortal Sin for ever; and give me Grace so to strive against my venial Sins, that at last I may wholly overcome them. And for Satisfaction of these and all my former Offences, and for the Offences of the whole World, as also for thy unspeakable Benefits bestowed on me, and all Mankind, I offer thee the Merits of thy Son's bitter Passion, those most precious Drops of Blood, which he shed for our Salvation; and that inflamed Charity, wherewith he wholly resigned himself to all his Torments for our Sake.

And,

And, in Union with his holy Oblation, I offer up myself, and all I have, to thy Honour and everlasting Glory. I keep back nothing, but give all to thee, whose it is; and make that thine by my Will, which is thine by Justice.

Give me thy Grace, O my God, to live better hereafter, and to confess my Sins in due Time to my Ghostly Father. Give me true Humility and Repentance; Grace to know thee and myself: Purity of Heart in all my Doings; Patience, Chastity, and perfect Charity: Give me a good Life, and a happy Death; and, in order thereunto, in the dangerous Hour of my departing, grant me the Assistance of the blessed Saints and holy Angels, that together with them, thro' thy Mercy, I may praise and glorify thee for ever. *Amen.*

O *Jesus*, my dear Saviour, be merciful to me a Sinner.

A devout Commemoration of our Saviour's Passion.

O Most sweet Lord, and my Redeemer *Jesus Christ*, who, by thy heavenly Father, wast sent down into this World, and willingly of thy own Accord sufferedst most cruel and bitter Pains on the Cross; carrying it first on thy blessed Shoulders, and then dying upon it, that thou mightest not only purchase Redemption for us, but also leave us a most perfect Example of Patience: I humbly beseech thee, for the incomparable Patience thou shewedst in the whole Course of thy Life; and then especially, when thy malicious Enemies were so enraged against thee, when they mocked thee, and spit on thy Face; when they hoodwink'd thy Eyes, and buffeted thy Cheeks with their most impure Hands; when they bound thee to a Pillar, and cruelly scourged thee; when they thrust a

Crown

Crown of Thorns upon thy sacred Head, and pressed their sharp Points into thy Temples; when they pierced thy blessed Hands with Iron Nails, stretching them out upon the Cross; when, in thy great Thirst, and extreme Agony, they offered thee a Spunge full of Vinegar; when, with thy Head bow'd down, thou said'st, *It is consummated*; when thou did'st commend thy Spirit into the Hands of God the Father, and, in the End gavest up thy last Breath, for the Redemption of Mankind. For all these Sufferings and Pains, O most gracious Lord *Jesus Christ*, I, poor and miserable Sinner, humbly beseech thy infinite Majesty, not to forsake me; nor suffer me to be condemned at thy terrible Judgment; but let thy glorious Passion so help me, that I may be brought to everlasting Felicity: Let thy holy Angels be always with me, and especially at the Hour of my Death, that they may protect, defend and keep me; so that the cruel infernal Enemy may have no Power over this Soul, which thou hast redeemed at so dear a Rate. *Amen.*

O *Jesus*, who, for the Redemption of the World, patiently endured'st so many Injuries, Calumnies and Afflictions, and even Death itself: We humbly beseech thee, by all thy Sufferings, and by the shedding of thy precious Blood, deliver us from the Dangers of this Life, and from sudden and everlasting Death. *Amen.*

*Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers
for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.*

MORNING PRAYERS FOR SATURDAY.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Morning Prayers for Sunday, pag. 36, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. Come, let us adore, &c. pag. 37.

The 26th Psalm.

In this Psalm David mentions the Dangers, which, by God's Assistance, he has overcome, and the Assurance he has of being protected for the future. He also begs of our Lord, that he may, without Disturbance, serve him Night and Day in the Tabernacle.

TH E Lord is my Light, and my Safety; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the Protector of my Life; who will make me tremble?

As malicious Men come close upon me, to eat my Flesh.

Those Enemies of mine that afflict me, they grew faint, and fell down.

Should an Army stand against me, my Heart shall not fear.

Should a Battle rise up against me: In this I will hope.

One Favour I have asked of the Lord; this I will press for, that I may dwell in the House of our Lord all the Days of my Life.

That I may see the Delight of our Lord, and visit his Temple.

Because

Because he concealed me in his Tabernacle :
In the Day of Evils he sheltered me in a private Part
of his Tabernacle.

He set me up high upon a Rock : And now he
hath raised my Head above my Enemies.

I have gone round, and offered in his Taber-
nacle a Sacrifice of loud Acclamation : I will sing
and play on the Psalter unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, my Voice, wherewith I have
cried to thee : Have Mercy on me, and hear me.

My Heart said unto thee ; my Face hath sought
thee out : Thy Face, O Lord, I will seek after.

Turn not away thy Face from me : Turn not
not away in Anger from thy Servant.

Be my Helper ; forsake me not, nor despise me,
O God my Saviour.

Because my Father and my Mother have aban-
don'd me ; but the Lord hath received me.

Set me a Law, O Lord, in thy Way : And
conduct me in the right Path, by reason of my
Enemies.

Give me not up to the Will of them that afflict
me : Because unjust Witnesses have risen up against
me, and Iniquity hath muttered Lies to itself.

I trust to see the good Things of the Lord in
the Land of the Living.

Expect the Lord, act manfully, and let thy Heart
take Courage ; and wait for the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 39th Psalm.

Interpreters say, that this Psalm contains two diffe-
rent Senses ; the one, which regards the Person of
David persecuted by Absalom ; and the other, which
regards the Person of the Son of God, born, ac-
cording to the Flesh, of the Race of David. Thus
it is applied by St. Paul, in his Epistle to the He-
brews.

brews. David thanks God for having delivered him from so many Dangers, and begs his farther Assistance in that which he at this Time was in. Jesus Christ, in the Name of all his Members, gives Thanks to God his Father, for the many Benefits they have received from him; and sometimes he speaks in his own Name, clearly denoting the Mystery of his Incarnation, which has made cease all the Sacrifices of the Old Law.

Expecting I expected our Lord: And he has regarded me.

And he has heard my Prayers, and brought me out of the Lake of Misery, and out of the muddy Mire.

And hath set my Feet upon a Rock, and directed my Steps.

And he hath put a new Canticle into my Mouth, a Hymn to our God.

Many shall see and be afraid: And they shall hope in our Lord.

Blessed is the Man, whose Hope is in the Name of our Lord; and who hath not regarded Vanities and lying Malice.

Thou hast made thy Wonders very numerous, O Lord my God; and in thy Thoughts there is none that is like to thee.

I have declared, and have spoken: They are multiplied above Number.

Thou didst not desire Sacrifice and Oblation: But thou hast fitted me with Ears.

A Burnt-offering and an Oblation for Sin thou didst not require: Then I said, behold I come.

At the Beginning of the Book it is written of me, that I should do thy Will: My God, I am willing, and have thy Law in the Midst of my Heart.

I have

I have published thy Justice in a great Assembly: Lo, I will not stop my Lips: Lord, thou hast known it.

I have not concealed thy Justice in my Heart; thy Truth and thy Salvation I have declared.

I have not hidden thy Mercy, and thy Truth, from the full Assembly.

And thou, O Lord, remove not thy Compassions far from me; thy Mercy and thy Truth have always guarded me.

Because Evils without Number have compassed me: My Iniquities have overtaken me, and I was not able to see.

They are multiplied above the Hairs of my Head: and my Heart hath failed me.

May it please thee, O Lord, to deliver me: Lord, have Regard to help me.

Let them be put to Confusion and Fright all together, who seek my Soul, to take it away.

Let them be put to Flight, and be terrified, who desire Evils to me.

Let them forthwith receive their Confusion, that say to me, Well, well.

Let all that seek thee, rejoice, and be glad in thee: And let those that love thy Salvation say always, Our Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor; our Lord is careful of me.

Thou art my Helper and my Protector: My God, do not delay.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 40th Psalm.

David, in the Time of his Afflictions, falls sick, and has Recourse to God. All the Fathers have applied this Psalm to Jesus Christ, and with a great deal of Reason; since our Saviour himself cites one

of the Verses of it as predicting the Treason of Judas. So that David, in being persecuted by his Son, betray'd and abandon'd by his Friends, was a plain Figure of Jesus Christ in the Time of his Passion, when the Jews, who were the People of God, and called his Children, rose up against him, and when his Apostles all abandon'd him, and one betray'd him.

BLESSED is the Man that thinks on the Needy and Poor: In the evil Day the Lord will deliver him.

May the Lord preserve him and keep him alive, and make him blessed in the Land: And not deliver him to the Will of his Enemies.

May the Lord help him upon the Bed of his Sorrow: Thou hast eaten his whole Bed in his Infirmitie.

I said; Lord, have Mercy on me: Heal my Soul, because I have sinned to thee.

My Enemies have spoken Evil to me; when will he die, and his Name perish?

And if there came *any one* in to see, he spake vain Things; his Heart heaped up Iniquity to him.

He went forth, and spake the same *Abroad*.

All my Enemies whisper'd against me; they contrived Mischiefs against me.

They have resolved upon an unjust Thing against me: But shall he, that sleeps, rise no more?

For the Man of my Peace, in whom I trusted, he that did eat my Bread, hath supplanted me grievously.

But thou, O Lord, have Pity on me, and raise me up again: And I will repay them.

By this I have known, that thou hast been pleased with me: Because my Enemy shall not rejoice over me.

And

And because I was innocent, thou hast supported me: And thou hast established me in thy Sight for ever.

Blessed be our Lord, the God of *Israel*, from the Beginning of the World, and for ever: So be it, so be it.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Thanksgiving for all God's Benefits.

WITH all the Faculties of my Soul I bless and praise thy Name, O Father of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, who vouchsafed'st to create me out of nothing, to thy own Image and Likeness; to send thy only begotten Son, to redeem me with his precious Blood; to associate me, by Holy Baptism, to thy Children of Adoption; and to feed me with the most blessed Sacrament of thy Son's Body. To thee I render most humble Thanks, for having expected from my Infancy to this Time, that thro' thy great Patience I might come to the Amendment of my Life. I praise thee, I glorify thee, for having so often delivered me from Tribulations, Distresses, Calamities, and Miseries, and especially for having kept me from eternal Punishment. I praise thee, and glorify thee, for having bestowed on me so many common Blessings, wherein I have had an equal Share with others; and so many particular Benefits, which others have wanted, and I have no Way deserved. I beseech thy unspeakable Goodness, my Lord God, so to perfect these thy Gifts in me, as to expel out of my Heart whatever displeaseth thee; delivering me from all such Troubles, as may any ways hinder or retard my Progress towards thee. Dispose all my Thoughts, Words, and Deeds, according to thy Will. Preserve me in all Conditions, both of Adversity and Prosperity; and

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bring me at the last to the happy and most desired Joys of thy Sight, who livest and reignest with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A devout Prayer to our Lord Jesus.

O My Sovereign Lord *Jesus*, Son of the Almighty Father, and Son also of the most pure and glorious Virgin *Mary*, who suffered'st a bitter Death for me and all Mankind, and did'st rise again the third Day; I beseech thee, have Mercy on me, a Sinner, yet thy Creature. And, for thy Passion's sake, preserve me from all Perils of Body and Soul, especially such as may be any Occasion to me of offending thee. With all my Heart I thank thee, most gracious Lord, for the great Mercies thou hast shewn me in the frequent Dangers whereto I have been exposed. And as thy Grace has always preserved me from the Hour of my Birth to this Day, so, Lord, I beseech thee, that thy Mercy may still protect me to the End of my Life.

And for my great Offences, Ingratitudes, and all my sinful Life, I humbly ask thy Pardon. And since I have not lead such a Life as becomes thy Servant, I prostrate myself, with great Confusion in thy Divine Presence, and say, O Lord, be merciful to me a Sinner; who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

A Prayer for ourselves and others, especially such as are under our Charge.

I Adore thee, most merciful God, and give thee Thanks for thy boundless Clemency and infinite Goodness, by which thou not only sufferest us miserable and ungrateful Sinners to live, who are wholly unworthy of Life, but also pardonest

us our Offences, and bestowest thy Benefits upon us. Let thy Goodness therefore, at last, O God, overcome our Wickedness; thy Compassion mollify our Hardnes; thy most burning Charity melt our frozen Hearts, that we may be changed from Vessels of Wrath into Vessels of Mercy; and, being freed from all our Sins, may be so much more fervent in loving thee, by how much we have hitherto been more cold in thy Service.

Sweet *Jesus*, grant us Grace to run after thee, and so to imitate the Steps of thy Life and Passion, that the Fervour of our present Devotion may recompence in us the Sloth and Tepidity of our former Conversation. Grant that at length ~~we~~ may be converted to thee with our whole Heart; and, being confirmed in thy Grace, may praise thee our Redeemer and Saviour for ever.

In the first Place, O infinite Goodness, I ask this Mercy for myself, a most miserable Sinner, who have so much more Need of the Help of thy Grace than others, as I am weaker, and less able to do good. Thou knowest also, most gracious God, how unprofitable I am, and how often I hinder the Operation of thy Grace, not only in myself, but in others also. Wherefore, O most liberal and merciful Lord, I humbly beseech thee for all those who are committed to my Charge, or otherwise recommended to my Prayers: I recommend them, O Lord, to thy holy Protection, and lay them within thy most loving Heart. Preserve them, I beseech thee, according to thy good Pleasure, and bring them to Life everlasting.

O Lord my God, I beseech thee for thofe amongst whom I dwell, that by the shedding of thy precious Blood, and by the bottomless Depth of all thy Mercies, thy Grace may abound, and

be confirmed in us all, so that none of us may perish for ever. Give us, O Lord, all spiritual and temporal Necessaries; and so govern and direct us in thy Ways, that we may still proceed in thy holy Service, and at length be received into thy everlasting Kingdom.

O most sweet *Jesus*, most faithful Lover, I offer and recommend to thee all such as have desired my unworthy Prayers. Thou art most merciful, and abundantly rich for all: According to their Need, and thy Mercy, glorify thy Name in them. Deal with us not according to our Demerits, but according to thy infinite Goodness. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all Degrees of the Catholick Church.

A Lmighty and everlasting God, by whose Holy Spirit the universal Body of the Catholick Church is sanctified and governed: Hear, we beseech thee, our humble Supplications, for all Orders, States, and Degrees therein; that, by the Gift of thy Grace, they may all, in their several Stations, faithfully serve thee in Unity, Peace, and perpetual Charity, thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ*. *Amen.*

A Prayer against Pride.

MOST mild and humble *Jesus*, my sweet Saviour *Christ*, who vouchsafed'st with thy own Almighty Hands to wash the Feet of thy Twelve Apostles, not only of such as were faithful, but even of the very Traitor himself: Vouchsafe, O Lord, of thy infinite Goodness, so to cleanse and purify my Affections, that I may never disdain either Friend or Enemy; but with Meekness and Charity, for Love of thee, humble myself even to the Washing of their Feet, or the Performance of any other servile or charitable Office towards them.

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Jam Sol recedit igneus.

THE fiery Sun now rolls away,
And hastens to the Close of Day.
Thy brightest Beams, O Lord, impart,
And rise in our benighted Heart.

To us the Praises of thy Name
Are Morning-Song, and Evening-Theme.
Thus may we sing ourselves to Rest,
Amidst the Musick of the Blest.

To God the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be endless Glory, as before
The World began, so evermore.

The Antiphon.

O Righteous Father, the World hath not known
thee; but I know thee; because thou hast
sent me.

Vers. Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil Man.

Reſp. From the unjust Man deliver me.

A Prayer.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the People
dedicated to thee may advance in the Af-
fections of a pious Devotion; that, being im-
proved by sacred Exercises, they may be enriched
with so much more excellent Graces, as they be-
come more acceptable to thy Majesty: Thro' our
Lord Jesus Christ, thy only Son, who with thee
and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one
God, World without End. Amen.

*Here may may be added the Litany of the blessed Vir-
gin, at the End of Evening Prayers for this Day,
pag. 207.*

*Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers
for Sunday, pag. 59, 60.*

EVENING PRAYERS FOR SATURDAY.

Say the Introduction, as it is in the Evening Prayers for Sunday, pag. 61, unto the End of Glory be to the Father, &c. pag. 62.

The 41st Psalm.

Some doubt whether David be the Author of this Psalm; but nothing binders why we may not follow the Opinion of some others, who believe that this Psalm agrees perfectly with the Time of David's Exile, whether it be applied to the Time when he was absent from the Tabernacle, and suffering Persecution, or to the whole Time of his Life, which he looked upon as a true Banishment in regard to which he aspired with all his Heart; and this last Sense is looked upon by Bellarmine, (a learned Author) to be the true literal Sense of the Psalm.

AS the Stag longs after the Fountains of Waters; so doth my Soul long after thee, O God!

My Soul hath thirsted after God, the strong and the Living: When shall I come and appear before the Face of God !

My Tears have been my Bread Day and Night; while they daily say to me, where is thy God ?

These Things I bore in Mind, and let out my Soul upon me; that I shall pass into the Place of a marvellous Tabernacle, even to the House of God.

With the Voice of Joy and Confession; the Sound of one at a Feast.

Why

Why art thou sorrowful, O my Soul? And why dost thou disturb me?

Hope in God, for I will still confess to him: The Safety of my Countenance and my God.

My Soul is troubled at myself: For this Reason I will be mindful of thee, out of the Land of Jordan, and Hermonium, from the little Mountain.

One Abyss calleth on another, at the Noise of thy Water-Falls.

All thy swelling Waters and thy Waves have passed over me.

In the Day-Time the Lord hath appointed his Mercy; and in the Night-Time his Canticle.

With me there is a Prayer to the God of my Life; I will say to God, thou art my Defender.

Why hast thou forgotten me? And why do I walk sorrowful, whilst my Enemy afflicts me?

Whilst my Bones are broken: I have been upbraided by my Enemies, who trouble me, with saying to me every Day, where is thy God? Why art thou sorrowful, my Soul? And why dost thou disturb me?

Hope in God, for I will still confess to him: The Safety of my Countenance, and my God.

The 64th Psalm.

This Psalm, according to the Letter of it, seems to be made about the Time of the Israelites going out of Babylon and returning to Jerusalem. It is to be applied in the spiritual Sense to the Church, delivered from the Captivity of the Devil, by the Death of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

IT is in Sion, O God, that a Hymn becomes thee; and in Jerusalem, that a Vow shall be performed to thee.

Hear my Prayer; all Flesh shall come to thee

The Words of the Wicked are become powerful over us ; and thou wilt be merciful to our Impieties.

Blessed is he whom thou hast chosen and taken :
He shall dwell in thy Courts.

We shall be filled with the good Things of thy House ; thy Temple is Holy, marvellous in Justice.

Hear us, O God our Saviour ; the Hope of all the Bounds of the Earth, and of those in the Sea afar off.

Preparing Mountains with thy Strength, being armed with Power ; who stirrest up the Bottom of the Sea, the Noise of its Waves.

The *Gentiles* shall be disturbed, and they that inhabit the utmost Bounds shall be terrified at thy Signs : The Entrances of the Morning and Evening thou wilt delight.

Thou hast visited the Earth, and made it drink its Fill : Thou hast abundantly enriched it.

The river of God is filled with Waters ; thou hast prepared their Meat : For in this Manner it is prepared.

Inebriate its Furrows, multiply its Growth : With its missing Rain it shall look pleasant as it springs.

Thou wilt bless the Circle of the Year of thy Bounty, and thy Fields shall be filled with Plenty.

The beautiful Parts of the Wilderness shall grow fat, and the Hills shall be encompassed with Joy.

The Reins of the Sheep are cloathed, and the Valleys shall abound with Corn ; they will cry out, for they will sing a Hymn.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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The 78th Psalm.

Some Interpreters think, that by this Psalm is meant the cruel Persecution, which the Jews suffered under Antiochus, and his Successors, according to what is cited in the History of the Maccabees, shewing, that what is here foretold was there accomplished. Others maintain, that this Psalm speaks of the Ruin of Jerusalem, caused by Nebuchadonosor. Whether it be the one or the other, what is said in it may be very well applied in general to the Church, and to the Faithful in Persecution.

O God, the Gentiles are come into thy Inheritance: They have defiled thy holy Temple; they have made *Jerusalem* the Hut of an Orchard-keeper.

They have given the dead Bodies of thy Servants for Meat to the Fowls of the Air; the Flesh of thy Saints to the Beasts of the Earth.

They have shed their Blood as Water round about *Jerusalem*: And there was none to bury them.

We are made a Reproach to our Neighbours; a Scorn and Mockery to them that live round about us.

How long, O Lord, wilt thou be angry to the utmost? Will thy Zeal burn like Fire?

Pour out thy Wrath upon Nations, that have not known thee; and upon Kingdoms that have not called on thy Name.

Because they have devoured *Jacob*, and made his Abode desolate.

Remember not our old Iniquities: Let thy Mercies quickly overtake us; because we are become exceeding poor.

Help us, O Lord our Saviour: And for the Glory of thy Name, O Lord, deliver us: And be merciful to our Sins for thy Name's Sake.

Lest perhaps they should say among the *Gentiles*, where is their God? And let the Revenge of the Blood of thy Servants which has been spilt, be made publick among the Nations in our Sight; let the Groans of Men in Fetters enter into thy Presence.

According to the great Power of thy Arm, recover the Children of them that are put to Death.

And render to our Neighbours sevenfold into their Bosom, their Reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

But we thy People, and the Sheep of thy Pasture, will confess to thee for ever.

From Generation to Generation we will set forth thy Praise.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Vers. Convert us, O Lord, the God of Powers.

Resp. Shew thy Face, and we shall be saved.

Vers. Rise up, O Christ, and help us.

Resp. And deliver us, for thy Name's sake.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

A Prayer to obtain a happy Death.

O Blessed Jesus, the Source of Mercy, and overflowing Fountain of Compassion, I humbly beseech thee to give me Grace so to spend this transitory Life in virtuous and hoiy Exercises, that when the Day of my Death shall come, tho' I feel Pain in my Body, I may find Comfort in my Soul; and with faithful Hope in thy Mercy, sincerest Love of thee, and perfect Charity towards the World, may depart hence out of this Vale of Misery, and may be received into that glorious Country, in which thou hast bought an everlasting Inheritance for us with thy most precious Blood; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, World without End. Amen.

A Prayer

A Prayer to the blessed Virgin MARY.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, immaculate Mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, recommend, we beseech thee, these our imperfect Prayers to the Mercy of thy glorious Son, and offer him thy own most acceptable Intercession for us; that he will be pleased to pardon our Sins past, and deliver us from future Temptations, and protect us in all our Ways with the Assistance of his Grace.

O blessed Virgin, by that unspeakable Gladness, which filled and over-flowed thy Spirit, when the Angel declared to thee the adorable Mystery of our Saviour's Incarnation; and by that perfect Resignation of thyself to the Will of God, when thou humbly answered'st, *Behold the Handmaid of our Lord, be it done unto me according to thy Word:* We beseech thee to obtain for us the Graces of a lively Faith, a discreet Humility, and a cheerful Submission to the Divine Will in all Things.

O admirable Mother, by thy tender Love, and continual Service of the blessed Jesus in his Infancy, and by that incomparable Happiness thou afterwards enjoyed'st in his heavenly Doctrine and miraculous Life; we beseech thee to obtain for us a diligent Devotion, and a constant Perseverance in our Duty to God, that our Delight may be in his Law, and our Confidence in his holy Protection.

O Mother of Pity and Compassion, by those sharp Sorrows, which pierced thy Heart, when thou wert a sad Witness to thy Son's Sufferings, and beheld'st him in that bitter Agony, all torn with cruel Scourges, and bleeding on the Cross, forsaken of his Friends, and dying in the Midst of his Enemies; we beseech thee to obtain for us Compassion towards the Afflictions of others, and

Patience

Patience in our own ; and also a faithful Correspondence to the great Love of our Redeemer.

O Glorious Virgin, by those excessive Joys, wherewith thy Soul was wholly ravished at the victorious Resurrection of thy Son, and his triumphant Ascension above the highest Heavens ; We beseech thee to obtain for us the Blessing of a virtuous Life, a holy Death, and a happy Resurrection ; that we may for ever rejoice in the Presence of God, admire his Glory, and praise his Goodness, through the same *Jesus Christ* ; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

Devout Aspirations towards the Joys of Heaven.

O Eternal Life ! O admirable Country ! O heavenly Jerusalem ! Of thee what is written ? What is spoken ? What is believed ? Inthee is that Good, that Joy, that Solace, which Eye hath not seen, Ear hath not heard, and the Heart of Man cannot comprehend. There is an everlasting Day ; there are all of one Spirit ; there is certain Security, secure Eternity, eternal Tranquility, quiet Felicity, happy Sweetness, and sweet Delight.

O that I were delivered from the Prison of this frail and miserable Body, where I do nothing but offend thee, O Lord, and that I were admitted to that most happy and immortal Life, where I might fully enjoy thee, and eternally praise thee among thy Elect ! O my sweet Lord, when will that Hour come, and when will that desired Day appear, when it shall be said to me, *Enter into the Joys of thy Lord?*

O eternal God, how happy are those who are already admitted to thy delicious Table, there to eat the Bread of Life, there to be refreshed with thy most clear Vision, and incessantly sing to thee in the Voice of Thanksgiving and Praise ! Enter, enter,

enter, O my Soul, even to the inmost Part of this sacred Tabernacle of thy celestial Abode; listen attentively to the joyful Sound of those that eat at this Royal Table; and rejoice at the Expectation of being hereafter one of this Blessed Company, and a Partaker of this Divine Banquet. *Amen.*

To the Blessed Virgin MARY.

O Holy and glorious Virgin *Mary!* I commit my Soul and Body to thy blessed Care this Night and ever, especially at the Hour of my Death. I recommend to thy merciful Charity all my Hope and Consolation, all my Distress and Misery, my Life, and the End thereof; that by thy most holy Intercession, all my Works may be directed according to the Will of thy blessed Son.

A Thanksgiving.

LE T Heaven and Earth join together in Joy, and the Choirs of Angels be united with the Voices of Men, to sing eternal Praises to God, in Trinity and Unity, for the Mercies we have received in the admirable Work of our Redemption. *Amen.*

The LITANY of the BLESSED VIRGIN.



LORD have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

O God the Father, Creator of the World,
Have Mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind,
Have Mercy on us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfector of the Elect,
Have Mercy on us.

O sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have Mercy on us.

Holy

Holy *Mary*, *Pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God, *Pray for us.*

Holy Virgin of Virgins, *Pray for us.*

Most sacred Repository of all Graces, *Pray for us.*

Most perfect Example of all Virtues, *Pray for us.*

Most glorious Ornament of the devout Sex, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whom the Angel found retired in thy private Oratory, and by such pious Solitude excellently disposed for the Visits of Heaven, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Humility was troubled at so honourable a Salutation, and whose Modesty was perplexed to converse alone, tho' even with an Angel, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, in that great and happy Conference, restrained'st thy Words to a few, prudent and pious, closing all with an absolute Conformity to the Divine Will, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, on whom the blessed Spirit descended, and whom the Power of the Most High over-shadowed, producing in thee a miraculous and supernatural Conception, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, being advanced to this incomparable Eminence, still retained'st the same low esteem of thyself, visiting on Foot the devout *Elizabeth*, and performing to her all the Offices of an humble Charity, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, at whose Presence this holy Woman was immediately filled with the Holy Ghost, and the first Sound of whose Voice caused the Child in her Womb to leap for Joy, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, within the small Compacts of thy Person, did'st inclose the incomprehensible

JESUS, and for nine Months bear him in thy Womb, who supports Heaven and Earth with his Power, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, when thy miraculous Fruitfulness was misunderstood, to the Detriment of thy Credit, still remained'st in thy former Tranquility of Mind, confidently relying on the Providence of God, for the Security of thy Innocence, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Meekness replied not to the Inhumanity of that Repulse, when thou wert told there was no Room for thee in the Inn, but contentedly entertained'st thyself and the World's great Hope, with the poor Accommodation of a Stable, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, when the Hour of thy Delivery approached, reverently retired'st alone and in the Midst of glorious Thoughts, and divinest Affections, broughtest forth the Heir of Heaven, and Redeemer of the World, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Soul, totally dissolved into Reverence and Love, adored the Diety of the new-born King, and, transported with Excess of Joy, admired and blessed so strange a Condescension to our miserable Nature, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Virgin Arms so often embraced that great little One, who fills the Heaven with his Immensity, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose chaste Breast so often gave Suck to that blessed Infant, who feeds all Things with his Bounty, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose purest Hands so often wrapt in humble Swaddling-cloaths that heavenly Child, who preserves all Creatures with his Blessing, *Pray for us.*

Holy

Holy *Mary*, who, at the Circumcision of thy first-born and only Son, gavest him that sweet and amiable Name *JESUS*, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, waving the particular Privileges of thy unblemished Person, humbly observed'st the common and publick Order of Purification, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, thankfully acknowledging the Author of all these Graces, presented'st in the Temple the ever blessed *JESUS*, as a most precious Oblation to God, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who immediately obeyed'st the Angel's Direction, and, without objecting the Difficulties of a poor and friendless Traveller, fled'st into Egypt for the Service of *JESUS*, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, patiently attending the Appointment of Divine Providence, wert in due Time recalled from Banishment, and restored to a free and unpersecuted Residence in thy Native Country, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, every Year went'st up to the solemn Festival at *Jerusalem*, religiously embracing all Opportunities of Devotion, and wisely joining to thy private Exercises the great Advantage of publick Assemblies, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, losing thy only Comfort, the Presence of *Jesus*, soughtest him with a solicitous and persevering Diligence; and, after three sad Days, foundest him in the Temple, with a Joy as great as thy Love, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, to whom the eternal King of Heaven vouchsafed himself to be so long subject, undertaking a mean and laborious Life, for the Support of thine and his own Poverty, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Charity, forward to supply even our smaller Necessities, became Petitioner for the

the Poor, and obtained of thy Son that first Miracle, when his Almighty Hand turned Water into Wine, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Life was entirely dedicated to the blessed *JESUS*, serving him in all Things with the tenderness of a Mother, the Duty of a Handmaid, and Religion of a Votary, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose love planted thee, and rendered thee immovable at the Foot of the Cross, no Fear of Danger, nor Death itself, being able to divide thee from *JESUS*, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Soul was pierced through with a Sword of Sorrow, when thou beheld'st thy dearest Son unjustly condemned, and ignominiously scourged; when thou beheld'st the King of Glory crowned with Thorns, and wounded with Nails, and crucified and dead, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, towards whom thy pious Son, in the Midst of all his Agonies, expressed so particular a Regard, tenderly recommending thy destitute Condition to the Care of his most beloved Disciple, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, who, resigning all to the Will of Heaven, stood'st sad and silent by the crucified *JESUS*, sustaining the unsupportable Load of thy Grief, with a strong and constant Hope, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Hope was crowned with Joy at the glad Apparition of thy revived Son, shining now in the Trophies of his Victory, and brightly cloathed with the Robes of Immortality, *Pray for us.*

Holy *Mary*, whose Joy was heightened even to Extasy at the triumphant Exaltation of thy glorified Son, when thy Eyes beheld him ascending above the Clouds into the Bosom of his eternal Father, *Pray for us.*

Holy

Holy Mary, who, meditating continually on these sacred and stupendous Mysteries, made it the great Busines of thy Life every Day to increase in the perfect Love of God, and fervent Desire of being with Christ, *Pray for us.*

Holy Mary, who, being grown to full Maturity, wert miraculously gathered by the Hands of Angels, and presented to thy Son in thy glorious Assumption, *Pray for us.*

Holy Mary, who livest for ever in the blissful Vision of the sacred Trinity, *Pray for us.*

Holy Mary, who reignest for ever Queen of Saints and Angels, *Pray for us.*

Holy Mary, who residest for ever Advocate of the Penitent and Afflicted, *Pray for us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of the blessed Virgin, *We beseech thee, hear her Intercession for us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World; *Spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World; *Hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World; *Have Mercy on us.*

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

Vers. And lead us not into Temptation.

Resp. But deliver us from Evil. *Amen.*

The Antiphon.

THOU art our only Saviour, O JESUS, Son of the Virgin-Mother, whose Death delivered us from the Slavery of Sin, and redeemed us into the

the Liberty of thy Service: Thou art our supreme Mediator, O King of Glory, whose Resurrection hath established thy Throne for ever, and of thy Kingdom there shall be no End. *Alleluia.*

Vers. Blessed is the Womb that bare thee, and the Breasts that gave thee Sucst.

Resp. Blessed are they that hear thy Word, and faithfully observe it in their Lives.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

MOST holy and ever blessed JESUS, who opening the full Treasures of the Bounty, poured'st out thy Graces abundantly on the glorious Virgin *Mary*, thy immaculate Mother; and, after a Course of admirable Piety, did'st raise her to a State of incomparable Felicity: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the extraordinary Prerogatives adorning her Person, that we may endeavour to imitate the transcendent Virtues shining in her Life, and by a like Purity of Heart, and perfect Love of thee, and continual Aspirations towards the Joys of Heaven, dispose our Souls to see thee, and in that Sight be for ever happy with thee; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever one God, World without End. *Amen.*

Say the Conclusion, as it is in the Morning Prayers
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The Seven Penitential PSALMS.

The Antiphon.

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our Offences, nor those of our Parents; and take not Revenge of our Sins.

The

The 6th Psalm.

In this Psalm, David first sets forth the Violence of his Sickness; in the next Place he begs of God to free him from it; and lastly he describes the Consternation of his Enemies upon his Prayers being heard, and his Health restored to him.

LORD, rebuke me not in thy Fury, nor chastise me in thy Anger.

Have Mercy on me, Lord, because I am infirm: Heal me, Lord, because my Bones are disorder'd.

And my Soul is very much disturb'd: But thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn, O Lord, and deliver my Soul; save me for thy Mercies sake.

Because there is none in Death that is mindful of thee; and in Hell who will confess to thee?

I have been tired with Groaning; every Night I will wash my Bed; I will water my Couch with my Tears.

My Eye is disordered with Fury: I am grown old amongst all my Enemies.

Be gone from me, all ye that work Iniquity; because our Lord hath heard the Voice of my Weeping.

Our Lord hath heard my Petition; our Lord hath received my Prayer.

Let all my Enemies blush, and be troubled exceedingly: Let them be turned back, and ashamed speedily.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 31st Psalm.

David declares those Men to be happy, whose Sins are forgiven. He invites all, by his own Example, to have Recourse to the Mercy of God.

BLESSED are they whose Iniquities are forgiven, and whose Sins are covered.

Blessed

Blessed is the Man to whom the Lord hath not imputed Sin; nor is there Guile in his Spirit.

Because I have been silent, my Bones are grown old, with my crying out all the Day.

Because thy Hand has been heavy upon me Day and Night; I am converted in my Distress, whilst the Thorn is struck in me.

I have made my Sin known to thee, and have not concealed my Injustice.

I said, I will confess my Injustice to our Lord against myself; and thou hast forgiven the Impiety of my Sin.

For this shall every holy one pray to thee, in a seasonable Time.

And yet, in the Deluge of many Waters, they shall not come near him.

Thou art my Refuge from the Tribulation which hath surrounded me: My Joy rescue me from them that incomps me.

I will give thee Understanding, and instruct thee in the Way that thou shalt go: I will fix my Eyes upon thee.

Do not become as the Horse and the Mule, which have no Understanding.

With a Muzzle and Bridle tie up the Jaws of those who do not approach thee.

Many are the Scourges of a Sinner: But Mercy shall incompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be joyful in the Lord, and rejoice ye Just: And glory all ye right of Heart.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 37th Psalm.

All agree that this Penitential Psalm was made by David, after the two Crimes of Adultery and Murder, which he had committed. It contains the true and just Sentiments of a penitent Heart.

LORD, rebuke me not in thy Fury: nor chastise me in thy Anger.

Because thy Arrows are fastened in me: And thou hast laid thy Hand heavy upon me.

There is no Health in my Flesh at the Presence of thy Wrath: My Bones have no Respite at the Sight of my Sins.

Because my Iniquities are grown above my Head: And, like a weighty Burthen, they are become heavy upon me.

My Sores are putrified and corrupted; the Effect of my own Folly.

I am become wretched, and bent down to Extremity: I went about sorrowful all the Day.

Because my Loins are filled with Illusions: And there is no Health in my Flesh.

I am afflicted, and humbled exceedingly: I roared with the Groans of my Heart.

Lord, all my Desire is before thee: And my Groan is not hidden from thee.

My Heart is troubled, my Strength hath forsaken me: And the Light of my Eyes itself is not with me.

My Friends and my Neighbours drew near, and stood up against me.

And they that were nearest me, stood afar off: and they that sought my Life used Violence.

And they that sought me Harm, spake Falsehood, and studied Deceits all the Day.

But I, as a deaf Man, did not hear; and was as a dumb Person that opens not his Mouth.

And

And I became as a Man that doth not hear,
and hath no Reproofs in his Mouth.

Because I have hoped in thee, O Lord: Thou
wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said, let not my Enemies rejoice over me
at any Time, and whilst my Feet totter, they
spoke haughtily concerning me.

Because I am prepared for Scourges, and my
Grief is continually in my Sight.

Because I will declare my Iniquity, and think
on my Sin.

But my Enemies live, and are grown powerful
over me; and they that hate me unjustly are mul-
tiplied.

They who return Evil for Good, slandered me;
because I followed Goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: Depart not
from me.

Attend unto my Help, O Lord, the God of
my Salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 50th Psalm.

This Psalm contains an excellent Prayer of a penitent
Prince, made to God, to ask Pardon of his crime,
and to beg his Grace to preserve him from the like
Temptation. And it contains not only the Senti-
ments of his own Penitence, but also admirable
Rules, which the Holy Ghost gives by his Mouth
to all Sinners.

HAVE Mercy on me, O God, according to
thy great Mercy.

And according to the Multitude of thy tender
Mercies, blot out my Iniquity.

Wash me still more from my Iniquity, and
cleanse me from my Sin.

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Because

Because I know my Iniquity; and my Sin is always before me.

To thee alone have I sinned, and have done Evil before thee: That thou may'st be found just in thy Words, and overcome when thou art judged.

For, behold I was conceived in Iniquities, and in Sin did my Mother conceive me.

For, behold thou hast loved Truth: The dark and hidden Things of thy Wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou wilt sprinkle me with Hyslop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than Snow.

Thou wilt afford Joy and Gladness to my Hearing; and the Bones that were humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy Face from my Sins, and blot out all my Iniquities.

Create in me a clean Heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit in my Bowels.

Cast me not away from thy Face; and take not away thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the Joy of thy Salvation; and strengthen me with a Sovereign Spirit.

I will teach thy Ways to the Unjust; and the Wicked shall turn to thee.

Deliver me from Blood, O God, the God of my Salvation; and my Tongue shall extol thy Justice.

Lord, thou wilt open my Lips, and my Mouth shall set forth thy Praise.

Because if thou had'st liked Sacrifice, verily I would have given it: With Burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A troubled Spirit is a Sacrifice to God: A contrite and humble Heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

In thy good Pleasure, O Lord, be gracious to Sion: that the Walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then wilt thou accept a Sacrifice of Justice, Oblations and Burnt-offerings; then shall they lay Calves upon thy Altar.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 101st Psalm.

Whoever was the Author of this Psalm, about which the Interpreters do not agree, certain it is, that it contains an excellent Prayer, which is proper in general for all those who are under any great Affliction, either spiritual or corporal. In the figurative Sense, the Fathers apply it to Jesus Christ, following the Example of St. Paul, who accordingly explices some Verses in it.

O Lord, hear my Prayer; and let my Cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy Face from me; in what Day soever I am in Tribulation, incline thy Ear to me.

In what Day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

For my Days are vanished like Smoak; and my Bones are grown dry, like a Thing that is parched.

I am blasted like Grass, and my Heart is dried up; because I have forgotten to eat my Bread.

With the Loudness of my Groan my Bone has cleaved to my Flesh.

I am become like a Pelican of the Wilderness; I am as a Night-Raven in the House.

I have watched, and am become as a solitary Sparrow on a House-top.

My Enemies upbraided me all the Day; and they that praised me, swore against me.

Because I did eat Ashes as Bread, and mingled my Drink with my Tears.

By Reason of thy Wrath and thy Indignation:
For that having lifted me up on high, thou hast
dashed me on the Ground.

My Days are gone like a Shadow: And I am
withered as Grass.

But thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; and thy
Memory from Generation to Generation.

Thou wilt stand up and take Pity of *Sion*: for
the Time to take Pity of it, for the Time is coming.

Because the Stones of it have pleased thy Ser-
vants; and they will have Compassion on the Earth
thereof.

And the *Gentiles* shall fear thy Name, O Lord;
And all the Kings of the Earth thy Glory.

For the Lord hath built *Sion*; and will be seen
in his Glory.

He hath had Regard to the Supplication of the
Humble; and hath not despised their Prayer.

Let these Things be recorded in another Ge-
neration: And the People that shall be created,
shall praise the Lord.

Because he hath looked down from his high
Sanctuary: The Lord hath looked down from
Heaven upon the Earth.

To hear the Groans of those that are in Fet-
ters; to release the Children of them that were
put to Death.

That they may proclaim the Name of our Lord
in *Sion*, and his Praise in *Jerusalem*.

When Nations shall assemble together into one
Place; and Kings to serve the Lord.

He answered them in the Way of his Strength;
tell me the Fewness of my Days.

Call me not back in the Middle of my Days;
thy Years are from one Generation to another.

At

At the Beginning, O Lord, thou did'st lay the Foundation of the Earth; and the Heavens are Works of thy Hands.

They shall perish, but thou remainest; and all shall grow old like a Garment.

And as a Cloak thou wilt change them, and they shall be changed, but thou art the very same; and thy Years will not fail.

The Sons of thy Servants shall inhabit: And their Seed shall be directed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 129th Psalm.

This Psalm is an excellent Model for Sinners that implore the Mercy of the Lord: And it is particularly applied by the Church to beg his Mercy for the Dead as well as for the Living.

FROM the Depths I have cried unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my Voice.

Let thy Ears be attentive to the Voice of my Petition.

If thou wilt observe Iniquities, O Lord: Lord, who shall sustain it?

Because there is Propitiation with thee; and by Reason of thy Law I have expected thee, O Lord.

My Soul hath expected on his Word; my Soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the Morning Watch until Night: Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is Mercy, and with him plentiful Redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his Iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The 142d Psalm.

David made this Psalm, when God punished him by the Rebellion of his Son Absalom, for his former Sins of Adultery and Murder. He humbles himself before God, and begs his Pardon and Mercy; and, by his Example, teaches all Sinners how they ought to humble themselves before God for their Sins.

LORD, hear my Prayer; give Ear unto my Supplication according to thy Truth: Hear me according to thy Justice.

And enter not into Judgment with thy Servant: for no one living shall be found just in thy Sight.

For the Enemy hath persecuted my Soul: He has brought down my Life into the Earth.

He hath placed me in Darkness, like the Dead of past Ages: And my Spirit is in Anguish at myself; my Heart is disturbed within me.

I reflect on the Days of old; I considered all thy Deeds; I meditated on the Work of thy Hands.

I stretched forth my Hands to thee: My Soul is to thee as Earth without Water.

Hear me quickly, O Lord: My Spirit hath fainted.

Turn not away thy Face from me: And I shall be like those that descend into the Lake.

Make me to hear thy Mercy betimes; because I have hoped in thee.

Make known to me the Way I am to walk in; because I have lifted up my Soul to thee.

Deliver me from my Enemies, O Lord; to thee I have had Recourse: Teach me to do thy Will; because thou art my God.

Thy Good Spirit will conduct me on the right Ground: For thy Name's Sake, O Lord, thou wilt make me live by thy Equity.

Thou

Thou wilt rescue my Soul out of Tribulation:
And in thy Mercy thou wilt destroy my Enemies.

And thou wilt destroy all that afflict my Soul:
because I am thy Servant.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Antiphon.

R Emember not, O Lord, our Offences, nor
those of our Parents; and take not Revenge
of our Sins.

The LITANY.



L ORD have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *Have Mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *Have
Mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *Have Mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have Mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

All ye holy Orders of blessed Spirits,

St. John Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

Pray for us.

St. Andrew, To the two ends of the world with me. T
 St. James, vnde vestris illis uirtutibus M^rta tua A
 St. John, uerbis suis misericordia tua bona nova bea
 St. Thomas, peccata I die illi perire
 St. James, Gloria peccata I die illi perire
 St. Philip, misericordia tua
 St. Bartholomew, R^ememoratio tua O Lord
 St. Matthew, R^ememoratio tua; ergo tibi pro te
 St. Simon, de oculis tuis
 St. Thadée, de oculis tuis
 St. Matthias, de oculis tuis
 St. Barnaby, Y N A T I L s P
 St. Luke, †
 St. Mark, I C R D gloria misericordia tua
 All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, C^hristus pax misericordia tua
 All ye holy Disciples of our Lord, P^{ro}tector pax misericordia tua
 All ye holy Innocents, O^{ur} pax misericordia tua
 St. Stephen, C^ommissio pax misericordia tua
 St. Lawrence, S^{an}cte Esius pax misericordia tua
 St. Vincent, S^{an}cte gen^ere Redemptoris pax misericordia tua
 St. Fabian and Sebastian, S^{an}cte pax misericordia tua
 St. John and Paul, Gloria Trinitatis pax misericordia tua
 St. Cosmas and Damian, Gloria Trinitatis pax misericordia tua
 St. Gervase and Protase, Gloria Trinitatis pax misericordia tua
 All ye holy Martyrs, H^oly martyris deo^r pax misericordia tua
 St. Silvester, H^oly Viginis deo^r pax misericordia tua
 St. Gregory, M^undus deo^r pax misericordia tua
 St. Ambrose, S^{an}cte deo^r pax misericordia tua
 St. Augustine, Iustitia deo^r pax misericordia tua
 St. Jerome, A^{ve} Maria gratia pax misericordia tua
 St. Martin, A^{ve} Maria gratia pax misericordia tua
 St. Nicholas, A^{ve} Maria gratia pax misericordia tua
 All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, A^{ve} Maria gratia pax misericordia tua
 All ye holy Doctors, A^{ve} Maria gratia pax misericordia tua
 St. Anthony, A^{ve} Maria gratia pax misericordia tua
 St. Bennet, A^{ve} Maria gratia pax misericordia tua

The LITANY

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By the Council of the First Council
of Trent, etc.

St. Bernard,
St. Dominic, O Preacher, O Teacher, O Leader,
St. Francis, O Friar, O Poor, O Pious, O Mild, O Gentle,
All ye holy Priests and Levites, O Priests, O Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits, O Monks, O Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalene, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
St. Agatha, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
St. Lucy, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
St. Agnes, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
St. Cecily, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
St. Catharine, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
St. Anastasia, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows, O Virgin, O Saint, O Virgin, O Saint,
All ye Saints of God, Make Intercession for us,
Be merciful unto us, Spare us, O Lord,
Be merciful unto us, Graciously hear us, O Lord.
From all Evil, O Lord, deliver us.
From all Sin, O Lord, deliver us.
From thy Wrath, O Lord, deliver us.
From sudden and unprovided Death, O Lord, deliver us.
From the Deceits of the Devil, O Lord, deliver us.
From Anger, Hatred, and all Ill-will, O Lord, deliver us.
From the Spirit of Fornication, O Lord, deliver us.
From Lightning and Tempest, O Lord, deliver us.
From everlasting Death, O Lord, deliver us.
By the Mystery of thy holy Incarnation, O Lord, deliver us.
By thy coming, O Lord, deliver us.
By thy Nativity, O Lord, deliver us.
By thy Baptism and holy Fasting, O Lord, deliver us.
By thy Cross and Passion, O Lord, deliver us.
By thy Death and Burial, O Lord, deliver us.
By thy holy Resurrection, O Lord, deliver us.
By thy wonderful Ascension, O Lord, deliver us.

By the Coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,

O Lord, deliver us.

At the Day of Judgment, *O Lord, deliver us.*

We Sinners, *Do beseech thee to hear us.*

That thou spare us, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou pardon us, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true Penance,
We beseech thee, hear us.

That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy
holy Church, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to preserve thy Apostolick
Prelate, and all the Ecclesiastical Orders in holy
Religion, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to humble the Enemies of
thy holy Church, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to give Peace and true Concord
to Christian Kings and Princes, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to grant Peace and Unity to
all Christian People, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to strengthen and preserve us
in thy holy Service, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou lift up our Minds to heavenly Desires,
We beseech thee, hear us.

That thou render eternal good Things to all our
Benefactors, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou deliver our Souls, and those of our
Brethren, Relations, and Benefactors, from
eternal Damnation, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the
Fruits of the Earth, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe to give eternal Rest to all the
Faithful departed, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the
World, Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the
World, Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the Sins of the
World, Have Mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Our Father, in secret.

Vers. And lead us not into Temptation.

Resp. But deliver us from Evil. Amen.

The 66th Psalm.

INCLINE unto my Aid, O God; O Lord, make
haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed, who seek
my Soul.

Let them be turned back, and blush for Shame,
who desire Evils to me.

Let them forthwith be turned back, blushing
for Shame, who say to me, Well, well.

Let all that seek thee be glad and rejoice in
thee: And let those that love thy Salvation say
always, our Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor; O God, help me.

Thou art my Helper and my Deliverer; O Lord,
be not slack.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Vers. Save thy Servants.

Resp. Trusting in thee, O my God.

Vers. Be unto us, O Lord, a Tower of Strength.

Resp. Against the Face of the Enemy.

Vers. Let not the Enemy prevail against us.

Resp. Nor the Son of Iniquity have Power to hurt us.

Vers. O Lord, deal not with us according to our Sins.

Resp. Nor reward us according to our Iniquities.

Vers. Let us pray for our chief Bishop.

Resp. Our Lord preserve him, and give him Life, and make him blessed on Earth, and give him not up to the Will of his Enemies.

Vers. Let us pray for our Benefactors.

Resp. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy Name's Sake, to render eternal Life to all those that do us good.

Vers. Let us pray for the Faithful departed.

Resp. Give them, O Lord, eternal Rest: And let perpetual Light shine upon them.

Vers. May they rest in Peace.

Resp. Amen.

Vers. For our absent Brethren.

Resp. O my God, save thy Servants trusting in thee.

Vers. Send them Help, O Lord, from thy Sanctuary.

Resp. And out of Sion protect them.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come unto thee.

Vers. Let us pray.

O God, whose Property is always to have Mercy, and to spare; receive our Petition, that we and all thy Servants, who are bound by the Chain of Sins, may, by the Compassion of thy Goodness, mercifully be abolved.

HEAR, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Prayers of thy Suplicants, and pardon us our Sins, who confess to thee; that of thy Bounty thou mayst give us Pardon and Peace.

OUT

O Utile of thy Clemency, O Lord, shew thy unspeakable Mercy to us; that so thou may it both acquit us of all our Sins, and deliver us from the Punishments that we deserve for them.

O God, who by Sin art offended, and by Penance pacified, mercifully regard the Prayers of thy People, who make Supplication to thee; and turn away the Scourges of thy Anger, which we deserve for our Sins.

O Almighty and eternal God have Mercy on thy Servant N. our chief Bishop, and direct him, according to thy Clemency, in the Way of everlasting Salvation; that, by thy Grace, he may desire the Things that are agreeable to thy Will, and perform them with all his Strength.

O God, from whom are all holy Desires, right Counsels and just Works; give to thy Servants that Peace which the World cannot give; that, our Hearts being disposed to keep thy Commandments, and the Fear of Enemies taken away, the Times, by thy Protection, may be peaceable.

INFLAME, O Lord, our Reins and Hearts with the Fire of thy holy Spirit; to the End we may serve thee with a chaste Body, and please thee with a clean Heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the Faithful, give to the Souls of thy Servants departed the Remission of all their Sins; that, by pious Supplications, they may obtain the Pardon they have always desired.

PREVENT, we beseech thee, O Lord, our Actions, by thy holy Inspiration, and carry them on by thy gracious Assistance; that every Prayer and Work of ours may always begin from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O Almighty

O Almighty and eternal God, who hast Dominion over the Living and the Dead, and art merciful to all, who thou foreknowest shall be thine by Faith and good Works : We humbly beseech thee, that they, for whom we have purposed to offer our Prayers, whether this present World still detains them in the Flesh, or the World to come hath already received them out of their Bodies, may, by the Intercession of thy Saints, and the Clemency of thy Goodness, obtain Pardon and full Remission of all their Sins : Through our Lord *Jesus Christ* thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End.

Resp. Amen.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Vers. Our Almighty and Merciful Lord, graciously hear us.

Resp. Amen.

Vers. May the Souls of the Faithful, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace.

Resp. Amen.

Devout Prayers which may be said after the LITANIES, according to the Diversity of Times and Occasions.

A Prayer for God's Holy Church.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who in *Christ* hast revealed thy Glory to all Nations, preserve the Works of thy Mercy ; that thy Church being spread throughout the World, may persevere with steady Faith in the Confession of thy Name : Thro' our same Lord *Jesus*, &c.

For

For the chief Bishop.

O God, the Pastor and Governor of all the Faithful, mercifully regard thy Servant N. whom thou hast placed as chief Pastor over thy Church: Grant him, we beseech thee, both by Word and Example, to profit those who are under his Charge, that, together with his Flock committed to him, he may come to everlasting Life: Thro' our Lord, &c.

For all Degrees of the Church.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church is sanctified and governed: Hear our humble Supplications for all the Degrees thereof; that, by the Gift of thy Grace, they may all faithfully serve thee: Thro' our Lord, &c.

A Prayer in any Necessity.

O God, our Refuge and our Strength, favour the pious Petitions of thy Church, who art the Source itself of all Piety: and grant, that what we faithfully ask, we may effectual obtain: Thro' our Lord Jesus, &c.

Against Persecutors of the Church.

BE pacified, we beseech thee, O Lord, and admit the Prayers of thy Church; that, all Adversities and Errors being abolished, we may have the Safety and Liberty to serve thee: Thro' our Lord Jesus, &c.

For Help against Infidels.

O God, most full of Pity, who rememberest not the Iniquities of them that turn to thee, but mercifully hearest their Groans: Behold thy Temples prophaned by the Hands of Infidels, and the Affliction of thy beloved Flock: Remember thy Inheritance, purchased with the shedding of the most precious Blood of thy only begotten Son;

Son ; and zealously visit the Vineyard thou did'st plant with thy own Hand, and which the wild Boar endeavours to destroy ; strengthen those that cultivate it, against the Rage of them that waste it ; make them victorious, and, after their Pains and Labours in it, advance them to the Possession of thy Kingdom : Thro' our same Lord, &c.

A Prayer for the King.

O Almighty God, by whom Kings Reign, and from whom they derive their Power : We humbly beseech thee to preserve thy Servant N. our King and supreme Governor ; increase in him the right Understanding of his weighty Office, and fill him with Courage and Prudence for the due Execution of it ; that the Sword of Justice in his Hand may establish us in Peace and Plenty, to our freer Progress in true Virtue, and to the Increase of his own eternal Reward : Thro' our Lord, &c.

A Prayer for the Afflicted.

O Almighty everlasting God, the Comfort of the Sorrowful, and the Support of those who are burthened ; give Ear to the Prayers of all that call on thee out of any Tribulation, that they may have the Joy to find thy Mercy present with them in their Necessities : Thro' our Lord, &c.

For Hereticks and Schismaticks.

O Almighty everlasting God, who savest all, and wouldest have none to perish ; look upon the Souls that are seduced by the Deceits of Satan ; that by casting off all Heretical Corruption, the Hearts of such as err may repent, and return to the Unity of thy Truth : Thro' our Lord, &c.

For the Faithless Jews.

O Almighty everlasting God, who dost not cast off even the Prefidiousness of the Jews from thy Mercy ; hear our Prayers, which we offer up,

up, for the Blindness of that People ; that by acknowledging the Light of thy Truth, which is Christ, they may be delivered from their Darkness : Thro' our same Lord, &c.

For the Pagans.

O Almighty everlasting God, who desirest not the Death of Sinners, but ever seekest their Life : Mercifully admit of our Prayers and deliver the Pagans from the Worship of Idols, and join them to thy Church, to the Praise and Glory of thy Name : Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

In the Time of War.

O God, who quashest Wars, and, by the Power of thy Protection, dost vanquish all that assault them who trust in thee : Help thy Servants, who earnestly crave thy Mercy ; that, the Cruelty of all our Enemies being crushed, we may praise thee with never ceasing Thanks : Thro' our Lord, &c.

Against Pagans.

O Almighty everlasting God, in whose Hand are the Powers and the Rights of all Governments : Attend favourably to the Assistance of the Christians ; that the Pagan People, who trust in their own Fierceness, may be crushed by the Power of thy Hand : Thro' our Lord, &c.

A Prayer for Peace.

O God, from whom are all holy Desires, &c.

As before, pag. 229.

In Time of Famine and Pestilence.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Effect of our dutiful Prayer, and mercifully turn away from thy Servants all Pestilence and Famine ; that the Hearts of Mortals may know that such Scourges proceed from thy Indignation, and cease by thy Mercy : Thro' our Lord, &c.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Rain.

O God, in whom consists our Life, Motion, and Being, Grant us seasonable Rain, that being sufficiently relieved with temporal Supplies, we may the more confidently desire everlasting Blessings : Thro' our Lord, &c.

For Fair Weather.

HEAR us, O Lord, crying to thee ; and grant us, thy Suplicants, the Blessing of fair Weather ; that, as we are justly afflicted for our Sins, so we may, by thy Mercy experience thy Favour : Thro' our Lord, &c.

In any Tribulation.

O Almighty God, despise not thy People crying to thee in Affliction, but for the Glory of thy Name be appeased, and succour us in our Trouble : Thro' Jesus, &c.

For Remission of Sins.

O God who rejectest none, but, upon their Repentance, art with a tender Compassion appeased, even towards the greatest Offenders : Propitiously regard the Prayers of thy poor Servants, and enlighten our Hearts, that we may be enabled to fulfil thy Commandments : Thro' our Lord, &c.

Against Temptations.

O God, who justifiest the Wicked, and desirtest not the Death of a Sinner : We humbly beseech thy Majesty graciously to defend thy Servants, who trust in thy Mercy, with thy Heavenly Assistance, and continually to secure them by thy Protection ; that they may ever serve thee, and by no Temptations be seperated from thee : Thro' our Lord, &c.

For

For Persons on a Journey.

BE favourable to our Supplications, O Lord, and direct the Voyage of thy Servants in the Prosperity of thy saving Conduct; that, amidst all the Varieties of their Journey, and of their whole Life, they may ever be protected by thy Aid: Thro' our Lord, &c.

For the Sick.

O Almighty everliving God, the everlasting Health of them that believe; hear us in Behalf of thy sick Servants, for whom we humbly crave the Help of thy Mercy; that, being restored to their Health, they may return thee Thanks in thy Church, Thro' our Lord, &c.

In Tribulation for Sin.

OUT of thy Clemency, O Lord, &c. as before, pag. 229.

A Prayer for Sinners.

HEAR, we beseech thee, O Lord, &c. as before, pag. 228.

A Prayer for the Living.

STRETCH forth, O Lord, the Right-hand of thy heavenly Succour over the Faithful; that they may seek thee with all their Heart, and obtain of thy Mercy whatever they shall ask as they ought: Thro' our Lord, &c.

For the Living and the Dead.

O Almighty and eternal God, who hast Dominion, &c. as before, pag. 240.

Vers. O Lord hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Vers. Our Lord graciously hear us.

Resp. And always preserve us.

*Hymns and Prayers, with Antiphons, Versicles,
and Answers for the principal Feasts of the
Year.*

*Upon Advent Sunday, and from thence to the Nati-
vity of our Lord.*

The HYMN.

Creator alme Siderum.

CREATOR of the Stars above,
The Light by which thy Faithful move;
The righteous Cause and humble Vows
Of those, whom you redeem'd, espouse.
Who, left the specious Wiles of Hell
Should o'er the yiel ding World prevail,
Compell'd by Love's enforc'd Decree,
Dost make thyself it's Remedy.

Thy early Sufferings now begin
To save the World involv'd in Sin,
And from the Virgin's sacred Womb
Continue to the Cross and Tomb.

The Voice no sooner sounds the Fame
Of the Almighty Jesus Name,
But Heav'n and Hell at once agree,
And jointly bend their trembling Knee.

May each succeeding Age proclaim
Thy Glory and eternal Fame,
And sing, with the celestial Host,
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Antiphon.

FEAR not, Mary; for thou hast found Favour
with our Lord: Behold, thou shalt conceive,
and bear a Son. *Alleluia.*

Ver. Drop down Dew, O ye Heavens, from
above; and let the Clouds rain down the just One.

Resp. Let the Earth open and bud forth a Saviour.

The

The Prayer.

EXERT thy Power, we beseech thee, O Lord,
and come; that, by thy Protection, we may
be freed from the imminent Dangers of our Sins,
and be saved by thy Deliverance, who livest and
reignest with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy
Ghost, one God, World without End. Amen.
Upon the Nativity and Circumcision of our Lord;
and on the Sundays till the Epiphany.

The HYMN.

Iesu Redemptor Omnium.

O Christ, the World's Redemption!
Co-partner of thy Father's Throne;
Whose equal unbeginning Light
With Lustre fill'd primeval Night.

Reflection of thy Father's Rays,
The Hope and End of all our Ways:
With gracious Ear our Vows attend,
Whilst round the World our Prayers ascend.

Remember, thou, O gracious Lord,
(Th'eternal God's co-equal Word)
In Virgin's Womb a Creature made,
Our Nature took'ft for Nature's Aid.

Witness this joyful Noon of Night,
When thou alone, our endless Light,
Descending from thy Father's Throne,
Brought'ft down the World's Redemption.

For this, glad Earth erects her Head,
The Waters purl and wash their Bed:
The joyful Spheres in Musick roll:
Heaven and Earth thy Birth extol.

Whilst these contrive new Ways to sing
New Life restor'd, the new-born King:
We, ransom'd, most of all rejoice,
With double Hymns of Heart and Voice.

May

May Age to Age for ever sing
 The Virgin's Son, and Angel's King ;
 And praise with the celestial Host,
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Antiphon on the Nativity of our Lord.

ON this Day *Christ* was born; on this Day our Saviour appeared; on this Day the Angels sing on Earth, the Arch-Angels rejoice; on this Day the Just triumph, saying, *Glory be to God on high.* Alleluia.

Vers. Our Lord hath made known. *Alleluia.*

Resp. His saving Mercy. *Alleluia*

The Prayer.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the new Birth of thy only begotten Son in human Flesh, may deliver us from our ancient Slavery under the Yoke of Sin: Thro' the same Lord *Jesus*, &c.

On the Feast of one Martyr.

The H Y M N.

Deus tuorum Militum.

O God, the Lot, Reward, and Prize,
 That Crowns thy Martyr's Victories :
 Grant, whilst we sing this Martyr's Praise,
 We may renounce our sinful Ways.

The World, with specious Cheats disguis'd,
 He soon discover'd and despis'd :
 And labour'd for a nobler Gain,
 Than palling Pleasures mix'd with Pain.

No Force could make his Mind relent,
 No Racks his Resolution bent :
 Fearless of Death he shed his Blood,
 And wades to Heaven thro' the Flood.

O vocal Blood, now pierce the Skies,
 And deal with Heaven to hear our Cries;

That

That on this glorious Triumph we
May find Indulgence, Lord, with thee.

Immortal Glory, endless Fame,
The glorious Works of God proclaim:
And sing, with the celestial Host,
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

On St. Stephen, December 26

The Antiphon.

DEVOUT Men buried *Stephen*, and made
great Lamentation over him.

Vers. *Stephen* saw the Heavens open'd:

Resp. He saw and enter'd in: Blessed Man, to
whom the Heavens stood open!

The Prayer.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, to imitate what we honour, that we may learn to love our very Enemies; because we celebrate his Nativity, who could pray even for his Persecutors to our Lord *Jesus Christ*, thy Son: who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. Amen.

On the Apostles and Evangelists.

The H Y M N.

Exultet Orbis Gaudiis.

AROUND the World may Joys arise,
And echo thro' the vaulted Skies;
May Heaven and Earth conspire to sing.
And of Apostles Triumphs ring.

O you, whom Heaven's high Judge design'd
To be the Jury of Mankind;
Earth's better Lights, now, void of Art,
Accept the Language of our Heart.

You, who from God receive the Keys,
Whose pow'rful Word Heav'n's Gate obeys:
With the same Word prevail, that we
May from the Chains of Sin be free.

Disease

Disease and Health your Pow'r proclaim,
And celebrate by Turns your Fame:
Relieve our Minds, thro' Sin unsound,
That sov'reign Virtue may abound.

That Christ, when he returns to weigh
Our Actions at that dreadful Day,
May with him make us re-ascend,
To live in Joys that never end.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be endless Glory, as before
The World began, so evermore.

On St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, Dec. 27.

The Antiphon.

THIS is John, who at Supper lean'd on our Lord's Breast: Blessed Apostle, to whom the Secrets of Heaven are revealed!

Vers. Blessed John is very much to be honoured.

Resp. Who at Supper lean'd on our Lord's Breast.

The Prayer.

Enlighten thy Church, O merciful Lord, that, being illuminated by the Doctrine of blessed St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist, it may arrive to everlasting Rewards.

Holy Innocents, December 28.

The Antiphon.

THE innocent Infants were killed for Christ: Sucking Babes were slain by the wicked King: They follow the Lamb without Spot, and say always, Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Vers. Under the Throne of God, all the Saints do cry.

Resp. O, our God, revenge our Blood.

The Prayer.

O God, whose Praise, this Day, the innocent Martyrs, not by speaking, but dying, did proclaim:

proclaim: Mortify in us all the Evils of Vice; that as our Tongues profess thy Faith, so our Life may also shew it by our Actions: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

St. Thomas of Canterbury, December 29.

The Antiphon.

THIS Saint did combat unto Death for the Law of his God, and was not frightened with the Words of the Wicked: For his Foundation was laid on a solid Rock.

Vers. Thou hast crown'd him, O Lord, with Glory and Honour.

Resp. And hast placed him over the Works of thy Hands.

The Prayer.

O God, for whose Church the glorious Bishop Thomas was slain by the Swords of the Wicked: Grant, we beseech thee, that all those, who implore his Help, may obtain the saving Effect of their Petition: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

St. Silvester, Pope and Confessor, December 31.

The Antiphon.

WHILST he was High-Priest, he feared not earthly Things, but passed on glorious to the heavenly Kingdoms.

Vers. The Lord conducted the just Man by right Ways.

Resp. And shew'd him the Kingdom of God.

The Prayer.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that the venerable Solemnity of blessed Silvester, Pope and Confessor, may increase our Devotion and spiritual Health: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

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On the Circumcision of our Lord, January 6.

O Wonderful Mystery of heavenly Inheritance! The Womb of one that knew not Man became the Temple of God; he that took Flesh of her was not defiled. All Nations shall come, saying, *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Vers. The Lord hath made known. *Alleluia.*

Resp. His Salvation. *Alleluia.*

The Prayer.

O God, who, by the fruitful Virginity of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, hast given to Mankind the Rewards of eternal Salvation: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may be sensible of the Benefit of her Intercession, by whom we have received the Author of Life, our Lord *Jesus Christ*, thy Son; who liveth and reigneth, one God with thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, &c.

On the Epiphany of our Lord, and during the Octave.

The HYMN.

Crudelis Herodes Deum.

WHY, *Herod*, dost thou fear in vain,
That *Christ* should take thy Place and reign?
He seeks not here an earthly Throne,
Who comes to make all Heaven our own.

Behold! a Star descends To-day,
And leads the Sages on their Way;
To carry their mysterious load
By Light, to Light's own Fountain, God.

To-day the Lamb descends and laves
His heavenly Fleece in *Jordan's* Waves,
To Wash, with a celestial Dew,
The Stains of Sin he never knew.

And since the harden'd *Jews* mistook
Both *Bethlehem's* Star, and *Jordan's* Brook,
The Waters, to reproach their Sin,
At *Cana* blush, and turn to Wine.

Glory

Glory to thee, O Christ, whose Rays
Illustrated the Gentiles Ways;
Whilst equal Praises shall repeat
The Father and the Paraclete. Amen.

The Antiphon.

WE celebrate a Festival adorned with three Miracles. This Day the Star conducted the Sages to the Crib. This Day Wine was made of Water at the Marriage. This Day Christ was baptised of John in Jordan, that he might save us. *Alleluia.*

Ver. The Kings of Tharsis, and the Isles, shall offer Presents.

Resp. The Kings of the Arabians, and Saba, shall bring Gifts.

The Prayer.

O God, who, on this Day, didst, by the Conduct of a Star, reveal thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who now have known thee by Faith, may, at length, be brought to behold the glorious Countenance of thy Greatness: Thro' our same Lord, &c.

On the Purification of the blessed Virgin, February 2.

The Antiphon.

THIS Day the blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the Temple; and Simeon, filled with the Holy Ghost, took him in his Arms, and blessed God for ever.

Ver. Simeon had a Revelation of the Holy Ghost.

Resp. That he should not see Death, till he had seen the Anointed of our Lord.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty to grant, that, as thy only begotten Son was this Day presented in the Temple, in the Substance of our Flesh, so we may

be presented to thee with purified Minds: Thro' the same *Jesus Christ* our Lord, &c.

On Ash Wednesday.

The Antiphon.

LAY up Treasures for yourselves in Heaven, where neither Rust nor Moth destroys.

Vers. May my Prayer be directed, O Lord.

Resp. As Incense in thy Sight.

The Prayer.

GRANT, O Lord, to thy Faithful, that they may enter upon the venerable Solemnity of this Fast with due Piety, and go thro' it with a steady Devotion: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ*, &c.

On St. Mathias, Apostle, February 24.

The Antiphon.

BE courageous in Battle, and fight with the old Serpent, and you shall receive an everlasting Kingdom. *Alleluia.*

Vers. They proclaimed the Works of God.

Resp. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

O God, who did'st associate blessed *Matthias* to the College of thy Apostles; grant, we beseech thee, that, by his Intercession, we may be always sensible of thy tender Mercies towards us: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ*; &c.

On St. Joseph, Confessor, March 19.

The Antiphon.

JOSEPH, Son of *David*, do not fear to take thy Spouse *Mary*: For what is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. She shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his Name *Jesus*.

Vers. The Mouth of the just Man shall meditate Wisdom.

Resp. And his Tongue shall speak Judgment.

The

The Prayer.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be assisted by the Merits of the Spouse of thy most holy Mother; that what of ourselves we cannot obtain, may be granted by his Intercession, who livest and reignest, &c.

*The Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary,
March 25.*

The Antiphon.

THE Angel Gabriel spake to Mary, saying, Hail full of Grace, our Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among Women.

Vers. An Angel of the Lord brought the Message unto Mary.

Resp. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

The Prayer.

O God, who, by the Message of an Angel would'st have thy Word to take Flesh in the Womb of the blessed Virgin Mary; grant to us thy Suppliants, that we, who truly believe her to be the Mother of God, may find Favour with thee, by her Intercession: Thro' the same Lord, &c.

In Lent, till Passion-Sunday.

The H Y M N.

Audi benigne Conditor.

HEAR, O thou bounteous Maker, hear
Our humble Vows with gracious Ear:
Turn not thy faving Face away,
Whilst on this solemn Fast we pray.

Great Searcher of our Hearts, to thee
We here deplore our Misery:
Behold, we to thy Mercies fly:
Do thou thy healing Grace apply.

Great are our Sins, O Lord, but thou
Can'st pardon more than we can do:

May our Defects, like Shadows raise
The Beauty and the Life of Grace.

May Fasts extinguish in our Will,
The Fuel and Desire of Ill;
That thus our Souls, from Fetters free.
May only thirst and follow thee.

Grant, O most sacred Trinity,
One undivided Unity,
That Abstinence may here improve
Our Claim to reign with thee above. *Amen.*

On the first Sunday in Lent.

The Antiphon.

BEHOLD now is the acceptable Time; behold
now the Days of Salvation: In these Days
therefore let us behave ourselves as the Servants
of God, in much Patience, in Fasting, in Watchings,
and unfeigned Charity.

Vers. God hath given his Angels Charge of thee.

Repf. To guard thee in all thy Ways.

The Prayer.

O God, who purifiest thy Church by a yearly
Observation of *Lent*, grant to thy Family,
that what it endeavours to obtain of thee by Absti-
nence, it may practise by good Works: Thro' our
Lord, &c.

On Passion and Palm-Sunday.

The HYMN.

Vexilla Regis prodeunt.

BEHOLD the Royal Ensigns fly,
The Cross's shining Mystery;
Where Life itself gave up its Breath,
And Christ, by dying, conquer'd Death.

Th' audacious Steel let out a Flood,
Of Water, mix'd with saving Blood,
Whilst Man's Redemption, with the Tide,
Came rushing from the Saviour's Side.

What

What David's faithful Numbers told,
Succeeding Nations thus unfold ;
That God should rule from Main to Main,
And Wood, not Steel, assert his reign.

Hail ! beaut'ous Tree ! whose Branches wore
The Purple of his Royal Gore :
Preferr'd to bear those Arms, from whence
Spring all our Blessings and Defence.

On thee, as in the World's great Scales,
The Ransom of the World prevails :
Our Sin, tho' great, his Pains out-weigh,
And rescue Hell's expected Prey.

All hail, O happy mournful Tree,
Our Hope with Christ is nail'd on thee :
Grant to the Just Increase of Grace,
And mediate for the Sinner Peace.

Bless'd Trinity, to thee we sing,
From whom above all Graces spring ;
Thy Crowns above on us bestow,
Who conquer by the Cross below. Amen.

*On Passion-Sunday.**The Antiphon.*

*A*BRAHAM your Father rejoiced to see my
Day ; he saw it, and was glad.

Vers. Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil Man.

Refp. From the unjust Man deliver me.

The Prayer.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look mercifully upon thy Family ; that by thy Conduct it may be directed in Body, and by thy Protection be preserved in Mind : Thro' our Lord, &c.

On Palm-Sunday, the Hymn as before.

The Antiphon.

FOR it is written, I will strike the Shepherd, and the Sheep of the Flock shall be dispersed.

But when I shall rise again, I will go before you into Galilee; there you shall see me, saith the Lord.

Vers. Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil Man.

Resp. From the unjust Man deliver me.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and eternal God, who, for an Example of Humility to Mankind, didst cause our Saviour to take Flesh, and suffer the Torment of the Cross; mercifully grant, that we may follow the Instruction of his Patience, and partake of the Glory of his Resurrection: Who liveth and reigneth, &c.

On Maunday-Thursday.

The Antiphon.

AND as they were at Supper, Jesus took Bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his Disciples.

Vers. Christ was made obedient for us.

Resp. Even unto Death.

The Prayer.

LOOK down, we beseech thee, O Lord, on this thy Family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be betrayed into the Hands of the Wicked, and to undergo the Torment of the Cross, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

On Good-Friday.

The Antiphon.

WHEN he had taken the Vinegar, he said, *It is finished;* and, bowing down his Head, he gave up the Ghost.

Vers. Christ was made obedient for us to Death.

Resp. Even to the Death of the Cross.

The Prayer.

LOOK down, we beseech thee, O Lord, &c.
as before.

From

From Low-Sunday, to the Ascension of our LORD.

The HYMN.

Ad regias Agni Dapes.

FROM purple Seas, and Land of Toil,
We come to feed on Egypt's Spoil;
May whitest Robes our Souls prepare
To meet the Christian Pas-over.

Christ's Love the priestly Function play'd:
The Victim on the Altar laid:
His Blood inflam'd with Love for Man,
At every saving Channel ran.

The wasting Angel passes o'er
The Posts distain'd with sacred Gore:
The yielding Sea divides its Waves,
Egyptians float in liquid Graves.

Now Christ becomes our heavenly Fare,
Our Sacrifice and Pas-over:
By him (the pure unleavened Bread)
The pure and faithful Minds are fed.

O true celestial Sacrifice!
By whom Hell's Slaves from Death arise!
By thee Death's Adamantine Laws
Submit, and Life regains its Cause.

Hence dost thou, crown'd with Laurels, rise,
And lead'st thy Triumph thro' the Skies:
Loaded with Spoils each Axle reels,
And Hell and Death attend the Wheels.

From Death of Sin, O Jesus, free
Them that are born again to thee:
Be thou alone our chosen Guest,
And everlasting Paschal Feast.

May endless Worlds the Glories tell
Of Christ, who vanquish'd Death and Hell;
And one eternal Praise repeat
To th' Father, and the Paraclete. Amen.

*On Easter-Day.**The Antiphon.*

AND looking back, they saw the Stone rolled away; for it was very great. *Alleluia.*
Vers. This is the Day which our Lord hath made.
Resp. Let us rejoice and be glad therein.

The Prayer.

O God, who, this Day, by thy only-begotten Son's Victory over Death, didst lay open for us a Passage to Eternity, grant that our Desires, which thy preventing Grace doth inspire, may by thy Help become effectual. Thro' the same *Jesus Christ*, our Lord, &c.

*On Low-Sunday.**The Antiphon.*

AFTER eight Days, while the Doors were shut, our Lord, entering in, said to them, *Peace be to you.* Alleluia, Alleluia.

Vers. Stay with us, O Lord. *Alleluia.*

Resp. Because the Evening is coming on.
Alleluia.

The Prayer.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who have finished the Paschal Solemnity, may thro' thy Favour still keep it in our Life and Manners. Thro' our Lord, &c.

*On St. Mark.**The Antiphon.*

YE Saints and Just rejoice in our Lord, *Alleluia:* God hath chosen you for his Inheritance. *Alleluia.*

Vers. Precious in the Sight of our Lord. *Alleluia.*

Resp. Is the Death of his Saints. *Alleluia.*

The Prayer.

O God, who, by the Grace of Preaching thy Gospel, didst raise blessed *Mark* the Evangelist

list to a great Eminence; grant, we beseech thee, that we may always profit by his Doctrine, and be defended by his Prayers: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

On St. Philip and St. James, Apostles.

The Antiphon.

IF ye will abide in me, and my Words abide in you, whatsoever ye shall ask, shall be done to you. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Vers. Precious in the Sight of our Lord. *Alleluia.*

Resp. Is the Death of his Saints. *Alleluia.*

The Prayer.

O God, who affordest us the Joy of keeping the yearly Solemnity of the Apostles, *Philip* and *James*; grant, we beseech thee, that as we rejoice in their Merits, so we may be instructed by their Example: Thro' our Lord *Jesus*, &c.

On the Finding of the Holy Cross, May 3.

The Antiphon.

HE who Hell subdu'd, and Death,
On the holy Cross resign'd his Breath.
With Power arm'd he forc'd his Way,
And rose again on the third Day. *Alleluia.*

Vers. The Sign of the Cross shall be in the Heavens. *Alleluia.*

Resp. When our Lord shall come to Judgment.
Alleluia.

The Prayer.

O God, who at the admirable Discovery of the Holy Cross, did'st renew the Miracles of thy Passion; grant that, thro' the Price of thy Life-giving Wood, we may be helped to obtain everlasting Happiness; who livest and reignest, &c.

On Ascension-day, and from thence to Whitsunday.

The HYMN.

Salutis humanae Sator.

O Christ, the Saviour of Mankind,
The Light and Comfort of the Mind;
Creator of this earthly Frame,
Thy Lovers chaste endearing Flame:
What strange Excess of Clemency
Prevail'd so far with guiltless thee,
That thou the Sinner's Load should'st bear,
And die to pay his Forfeiture?

Thou laid'st the Dead's black Dungeon ope,
To loose their Chains, and crown their Hope:
And now resum'st thy conquering Throne,
Rear'd on the Spoils and Trophies won.

With equal Clemency repair
The Failings of our Exile here:
That we with Joy may end our Race,
And see thy Glory Face to Face.

Thou, Lord, the Truth, the Life and Way,
Preserve us, lest our Hearts should stray:
And grant our Eyes one Day to see
The sweet Reward of Life in thee. Amen.

The Antiphon.

O King of Glory, Lord of Powers, who did'st
ascend this Day in Triumph above all the
Heavens, leave not us Orphans, but send us the
Promise of the Father, the Spirit of Truth. *Alleluia.*
Vers. Our Lord prepared his Seat. *Alleluia.*
Resp. In Heaven. *Alleluia.*

The Prayer.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God that
we, who believe thy only begotten Son our
Redeemer ascended this Day into Heaven, may
also dwell in Mind in the heavenly Mansions:
Thro' our Lord Jesus, &c.

On

On Whitsunday, and the Octave.

The HYMN.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

CREATOR Spirit, by whose Aid

The World's Foundation first was laid :

Come, visit every pious Mind,

Come, pour thy Joys on Human-kind :

From Sin and Sorrow set us free,

And make thy Temples worthy thee.

O Source of uncreated Light,

The Father's promis'd Paraclete !

Thrice holy Fount, thrice holy Fire

Our Hearts with heavenly Love inspire :

Come, and thy sacred Unction bring,

To sanctify us while we sing.

Plenteous of grace descend from High,

Rich in thy sevenfold Energy :

Thou Strength of his Almighty Hand,

Whose Power does Heaven and Earth command ;

Proceeding Spirit, our Defence,

Who do'st the Gift of Tongues dispense,

And crown thy Gift with Eloquence. }

Refine and purge our earthly Parts :

But oh ! inflame and fire our Hearts :

Our Frailities help, our Vice controul,

Submit the Senses to the Soul ;

And when rebellious they are grown,

Then lay thy Hand, and hold them down.

Chace from our Minds th' infernal Foe ;

And Peace, the Fruit of Love, bestow :

And, lest our Feet should step astray,

Protect and guide us in the Way.

Make us eternal Truths receive,

And practise all that we believe :

Give us thyself, that we may see

The Father and the Son, by thee.

Immortal.

Immortal Honour, endless Fame,
 Attend th' Almighty Father's Name:
 The Saviour Son be glorified,
 Who for lost Man's Redemption died:
 And equal Adoration be,
 Eternal Paraclete, to Thee. *Amen.*

The Antiphon.

THIS Day are compleated the Days of *Pentecost*. *Alleluia.* This Day the Holy Ghost appeared to the Disciples in Fire, and giving them the Gifts of Grace, sent them over all the World, to preach and testify: He that shall believe, and be baptised, shall be saved. *Alleluia.*

Vers. The Apostles spake in divers Tongues.
Alleluia.

Resp. The wonderful Works of God. *Alleluia.*
The Prayer.

O God, who, on this Day, did'st instruct the Hearts of thy Faithful, by the Illumination of the Holy Ghost; grant us, by the same Spirit, the Gift of a right Understanding, and the constant Enjoyment of his Comfort: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ*, &c.

*On Trinity-Sunday.**The Antiphon.*

WITH our whole Heart, and with our Mouth we confess, praise, and bless thee, God the Father unbegotten; Thee, the only begotten Son; Thee, the Holy Ghost the Comforter; the holy and undivided Trinity; to Thee be Glory, World without End.

Vers. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the Firmament of Heaven.

Resp. Praise-worthy and glorious for ever.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who hast appointed thy Servants in the Confession of the true Faith, to acknowledge the Glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the Power of thy Majesty to adore the Unity: We beseech thee, that, by the Steadiness of the same Faith, we may ever be defended from all Adversities: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

On Corpus-Christi-Day, and during the Octave.

The H Y M N.

Pange Lingua.

SING, O my Tongue, adore and praise
The Depth of God's mysterious Ways;
How Christ, the Gentiles King, bestow'd
His Flesh, conceal'd in human Food;
And left Mankind the Blood that paid
The Ransom of the Souls he made.

Born from above, and born for Man,
From Virgin's Womb his Life began:
He liv'd on Earth, and preach'd, to sow
The Seeds of heavenly Truth below:
Then seal'd his Mission from above,
With strange Effects of Power and Love.

'Twas on that Evening, when the last
And most mysterious Supper past:
When Christ with his Disciples sat,
To close the Law and legal Meat:
And, with his Hands, himself bestow'd
The Christians Food and Lamb of God.

The Word made Flesh for Love of Man,
With Words of Bread made Flesh again;
Turn'd Wine to Blood, unseen by Sense,
By Virtue of Omnipotence:
And here the Faithful rest secure,
Whilst God can vouch and Faith insure.

To

To this m.ysterious Table now,
Our Knees, our Hearts, and Sense we bow:
Let ancient Rites resign their Place
To nobler Elements of Grace;
And Faith for all Defects supply,
Whilst Sense is lost in Mystery.

To God the Father, born of none,
To Christ his co-eternal Son;
And Holy Ghost; whose equal Rays
From both proceed, one equal Praise:
One Honour, Jubilee, and Fame,
For ever bless thy glorious Name. Amen.

The Antiphon.

O Sacred Banquet, wherein Christ is received,
the Memory of his Passion is renewed, our
Mind is filled with Grace, and a Pledge of future
Glory is given us! Alleluia.

Vers. Thou hast given them Bread from Heaven.
Alleluia.

Resp. Replenished with all Sweetnes and Delight. Alleluia.

The Prayer.

O God, who, in this wonderful Sacrament, hast
left us a perpetual Memorial of thy Passion;
grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sa-
cred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we
may continually find in our Souls the Fruit of thy
Redemption; who with the Father, &c.

On the Nativity of St. John Baptist, June 24.

The Antiphon.

THE Child, which is born to us, is more than
a Prophet; for this is he, of whom our Savi-
our faith, *Amongst those that are born of Women,* there
hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist.

Vers. This Child is great in the Sight of the Lord.

Resp. For his Hand is with him.

The

The Prayer.

O God, who hast made this Day honourable to us, by the Nativity of blessed St. John; vouchsafe to bestow on thy People the Gift of spiritual Joy, and direct the Minds of all the Faithful into the Way of eternal Salvation: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

On St. Peter and St. Paul, June 29.

The Antiphon.

THIS Day Simon Peter ascended the Gibbet of the Cross. *Alleluia.* This Day the Keeper of the Keys of the Kingdom went rejoicing to Christ. This Day Paul the Apostle, the Light of the World, laying down his Head, was crowned with Martyrdom for the Name of Christ. *Alleluia.*

Vers. They proclaimed the Works of God.

Resp. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

O God, who hast consecrated this Day, by the Martyrdom of the Apostles, Peter and Paul; grant that thy Church may follow their Precepts in all Things, by whom it received the first Rudiments of Religion: Thro' our Lord, &c.

St. Mary Magdalen, July 22.

The Prayer.

A Woman that was a Sinner in the City brought an Alabaster Box of Ointment; and standing behind, near the Feet of our Lord, began to wash his Feet with her Tears, and wiped them with the Hair of her Head.

Vers. God made Choice of her, and preferred her before others.

Resp. He makes her dwell in his Tabernacle.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, we may find Help by the Intercession of blessed Mary Magdalen,

Magdalen, by whose Prayers thou wert prevailed with to raise her Brother *Lazarus* from the Grave to Life, after he had been four Days dead; who livest and reignest, &c.

On St. James, Apostle, July 25.

The Antiphon.

BE courageous in Battle, and fight with the old Serpent, and you shall receive an everlasting Kingdom. *Alleluia.*

Vers. They proclaimed the Works of God.

Resp. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

BE thou, O Lord, the Sanctifier and Preserver of thy People; that, under the Protection of thy Apostle St. James, they may please thee in their Conversation, and serve thee with Steadiness of Mind: Thro' our Lord Jesus, &c.

On St. Anne, Mother of the B. Virgin Mary, July 26.

The Antiphon.

SHE opened her Hand to the Needy, and stretched forth her Hands to the Poor; and did not eat her Bread in Idleness.

Vers. Grace is spread upon thy Lips.

Resp. Therefore God has blessed thee for ever.

The Prayer.

O God, who wert pleased so to favour blessed St. Anne, as to render her worthy to bear the Mother of thy only begotten Son; mercifully grant, that we, who celebrate her Festival, may be assisted by her Patronage: Thro' the same Jesus Christ our Lord, &c.

On St. Ignatius, Confessor, and Founder of the Society of Jesus, July 31.

The Antiphon.

THIS Man, despising the World, and triumphing over earthly Things, heaped up Riches in Heaven by Word and by Work.

Vers.

Vers. Our Lord conducted the just Man by right ways.

Resp. And shewed him the Kingdom of God.

The Prayer.

O God, who, for the Propagation of the greater Glory of thy Name, hast by blessed Ignatius reinforc'd the Church Militant with a new Auxiliary Supply; graciously vouchsafe, that we, by his Assistance and Imitation solicitously combating on Earth, may obtain an everlasting Crown with him in Heaven: Thro' our Lord, &c.

On St. Laurence, Martyr, August 10.

The Antiphon.

BLESSED Laurence, whilst he lay broiling on the Gridiron, said to the most wicked Tyrant: It is now broiled; turn it, and eat; For the Goods of the Church, which thou demandest, are carried up by the Hands of the Poor into the Heavenly Treasures.

Vers. Laurence the Deacon did a good Work.

Resp. Who by the Sign of the Cross gave Sight to the Blind.

The Prayer.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, to extinguish the Flames of our Vices; who didst enable the blessed Laurence to overcome the Fire of his Torments: Thro' our Lord, &c.

On the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary,

August 15.

The Antiphon.

THIS Day the Virgin Mary ascended the Heavens: Rejoice, for she reigns with Christ for ever.

Vers. The holy Mother of God is exalted.

Resp. To the celestial Kingdom above the Choirs of Angels.

The

The Prayer.

FOrgive, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Offences
of thy Servants; that we, who are not able to
please thee by our own Actions, may be saved by
the Intercession of the Mother of thy Son our
Lord; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth
and reigneth, &c.

On St. Bartholomew, Apostle, August 24.

The Antiphon.

BE courageous in Battle, and fight with the old
Serpent, and you shall receive an everlasting
Kingdom.

Vers. They proclaimed the Works of God.

Reps. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

ALmighty and eternal God, who hast given us
the venerable and holy Joy of this Day, by
the Solemnity of thy blessed Apostle St. Bartholo-
mew: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy Church,
both to love what he believed, and to publish what
he taught: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary,

September 8.

The Antiphon.

THY Nativity, O Virgin, Mother of God, pro-
claim'd Joy to all the World. For from thee
did arise the Son of Justice, Christ our God: Who,
reversing the Curse, gave a Blessing; and, con-
founding Death, bestowed upon us everlasting Life.

Vers. This Day is the Nativity of the holy Vir-
gin Mary.

Reps. Whose glorious Life illustrates all Churches.

The Prayer.

BESTOW, we beseech thee, O Lord, on thy
Servants, the Gift of heavenly Grace; that,
as the blessed Virgin's Child-bearing was the first
Step

Step to our Salvation, so the welcome Festival of her Nativity may afford us an Increase of Peace: Thro' our Lord, &c.

On the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14.

The Antiphon.

O Blessed Cross, which alone wert worthy to bear the King and Lord of Heaven. *Alleluia.*

Vers. The Sign of the Cross shall be in the Heavens.

Resp. When our Lord comes to Judgment.

The Prayer.

O God, who on this present Day affordest us the Joy of keeping the yearly Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we beseech thee, that as we have the Knowledge of it's Mystery upon Earth, so thou wilt make us receive in Heaven the Fruits of the Redemption it brought us: Thro' our Lord, &c.

On St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Sept. 21.

Antiphon, Versicle and Response, as before on St.

Bartholomew, page 260.

The Prayer.

MAY the Prayers, O Lord, of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist, St. Matthew, be our Help; that what of ourselves we are not able to obtain, may be given us by his Intercession: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son; who, &c.

On St. Michael, the Archangel, September 29.

The HYMN.

Te Splendor et Virtus Patris.

O Lord of Hosts, whose Beams impart New Life and Vigour to the Heart: For thee we tune our grateful Lyre, And mingle with the Angels Choir.

Myriads

Myriads of Chiefs their Lances wield,
And glitter o'er the azure Field;
Whilst Michael, like a blazing Star,
Displays the Cross, and ends the War.

The Dragon's Head he crush'd with this,
And drove him down the vast Abyss;
Whilst Rebel Angels, with their Head,
Impatient of his Lightning, fled.

O may we chuse this better Guide,
And vanquish all Attempts of Pride!
That we the vacant Seats may gain,
And with the Lamb for ever reign.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be endless Glory, as before
The World began, so evermore. Amen.

The Antiphon.

MOST glorious Prince Michael the Archangel,
be mindful of us here and every where; pray
always for us to the Son of God. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Verf. I will sing to thee, O Son of God, in the
Sight of the Angels.

Refp. I will adore at thy holy Temple, and
confess to thy Name.

The Prayer.

O God, who with wonderful Order disposest
the Services of Men and Angels, mercifully
grant, that those, who continually attend and serve
thee in Heaven, may also guard our Lives here on
Earth: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

On St. Luke, Evangelist, October 18.

The Antiphon.

BE courageous in Battle, and fight with the old
Serpent, and you shall receive an everlasting
Kingdom. *Alleluia.*

Verf.

Verſ. They proclaimed the Works of God.

Reſp. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

MAY the holy Evangelist St. Luke, we beseech thee, O Lord, be an Intercessor for us; who, for the Honour of thy Name, always bore in his Body the Mortification of the Cross; Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

On St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles, October 28.

The Antiphon.

BE courageous in Battle, and fight with the old Serpent, and you shall receive an everlasting Kingdom. *Alleluia.*

Verſ. They proclaimed the Works of God.

Reſp. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

O God, who by thy blessed Apostles, Simon and Jude, didſt bring us to the Knowledge of thy Name; grant, that we may both celebrate their eternal Glory by profiting, and profit by celebrating it: Thro' Lour ord, &c.

All Saints, 1ſt of November.

The H Y M N.

Placare Christe Servulis.

O Christ, before whose Throne of Grace
Thy Mother stands to plead our Case,
Exert thy Love, and grant that we
May share thy Father's Clemency.

Angels, Archangels, Thrones and Powers,
And all who guard the Heav'nly Towers,
From present, past, and future Ill,
With watchful Eye preserve us still.

Blest Prophets and Apostles, plead
Our guilty Cause: And intercede
With our offended Judge, that we
With Tears may move his Clemency.

May

May Martyr's Robes of purple Dye
With Stoles of white Confessors vie;
And both prevail to call us home
From Exile, and reverse our Doom.

Chaste train of Virgins; blest supplies,
Who, nurst in Desarts, fill the Skies;
And all ye Choirs of Saints, obtain,
That we with you may jointly reign.

Preserve thy Faithful Kingdoms free
From Unbelievers Tyranny:
That all Mankind united may
One Pastor of our Souls obey.

Great ever-living God, to Thee,
In Essence One, in Persons Three,
May all thy Works their Tribute bring,
And every Age thy Glory sing. Amen.

Antiphon.

O How glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the
Saints rejoice with Christ! they are cloathed
in white Robes, and follow the Lamb whither-
soever he goes.

Vers. The Saints in Glory shall rejoice.

Reſp. They shall be glad in their Place of Rest.

The Prayer.

O Almighty, everlasting God, who hast granted
us in one Solemnity to honour the Merits of
all thy Saints; we beseech thee to let us obtain, by
the Multitude of Intercessors, such an ample
Share of thy Mercy as we desire: Thro' our
Lord Jesus, &c.

On St. Andrew, Apostle, November 30.

The Antiphon.

WHEN blessed Andrew was come to the
Place where the Cross was prepared for
him; he cryed out and said, O good Cros, long
desired, and now ready for my longing Mind, I
come

come to thee secure and joyful: Do thou also joyfully receive me, the Disciple of him who hung upon thee.

Vers. They proclaim'd the Works of God.

Resp. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

O Lord, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as blessed St. Andrew, the Apostle, was both a Preacher and Governor to thy Church, so he may be with thee a perpetual Intercessor for us: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

On the Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary,

December 8.

The Antiphon, Versicle, Answer and Prayer are said as on the Nativity, Sept. 8. page 260. only the Word Conception is to be said instead of Nativity.

On St. Thomas, Apostle, December 21.

The Antiphon.

Because thou hast seen me, O Thomas, thou hast believed! Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed. *Alleluia.*

Vers. They proclaim'd the Works of God.

Resp. And understood his Deeds.

The Prayer.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, to glory in the Solemnities of blessed Thomas thy Apostle; that we may always be relieved by his Patronage, and follow his Faith with a suitable Devotion: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. Amen. You shall find Prayers in common for any Martyr, Confessor, Virgin, or other Saint, in the Evening Prayers for Tuesday, page 121, 122.

Note, That the Hymn, Ave Maris Stella, page 65, is said on all the Festivals of the blessed Virgin Mary,

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At MATINS.

Vers. **B**Y the Sign  of the Cross deliver us,
O God.

Resp. From our Enemies.

The Vers.

Lord, thou wilt open my Lips.

Resp. And my Mouth shall set forth thy Praise.

Vers. Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The HYMN.

AS Night departing brings the Day,
True God and Man, Truth's rising Ray,
To Jews betray'd, is captive led:
With Night his lov'd Disciples fled,
And left their Master sold to Foes,
Distres'd with Grief, and whelm'd with Woes.

The Antiphon.

O Venerable Cross, which hast brought Salvation to the Miserable; with what Praises shall I extol thee, since thou hast prepared us a heavenly Life?

Vers. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

Resp. Because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the World.

The Prayer.

O My Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set thy Passion, Cross, and Death, between thy Judgment and my Soul, now, and at the Hour

Hour of my Death: And vouchsafe always to grant Grace and Mercy to the Living, Rest and Pardon to the Dead, Peace and Concord to thy Church; and to us Sinners everlasting Life and Glory; who livest and reignest one God, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, World without End.

Reſp. Amen.

At PRIME.

Vers. By the Sign  of the Cross, &c.

The Verſe.

Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Reſp. O Lord make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The HYMN.

NOW Prime the Purple Morn begins
When fally Christ accus'd of Sins,
At Pilate's curſt Tribunal stands,
Prophan'd with Blows and impious Hands:
Whilst Jews blaspheme the God of Grace,
By ſpitting in their Maker's Face.

The Antiphon.

O Victorious and admirable Sign of the Croſs;
make us ſhare in the Triumphs of the hea-
venly Court.

Vers. We adore thee, O Christ, &c.

The Prayer.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, &c. as before.

At the THIRD HOUR.

Vers. By the Sign  of the Croſs, &c.

The Verſe.

Attendunto my Aid, O God.

Reſp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The H Y M N.

AT the third Hour they raise their Cry,
And all demand their God shall die:
Then crown'd with Thorns, in Purple Vest,
The King of Kings, the People's Jeſt,
Was forc'd to bear that fatal Cross,
Where, conq'ring Death, he paid our Loss.

The Antiphon.

THE sad Punishment of infamous Death is condemned, whilst Christ on the Cross cancells the Bonds of our Offences.

Vers. We adore thee, O Christ, &c.

The Prayer.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, &c. as before.

At the SIXTH HOUR.

Vers. By the Sign  of the Cross, &c.

The Vers.

Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The H Y M N.

AT the sixth Hour, the Noon of Day,
Christ's sacred Arms extended lay,
Nail'd to the Cross amidst the Thieves,
Whilst Gall his sacred Thirst relieves:
Thy God they with Derision pay,
The Lamb that takes their Sins away.

The Antiphon.

BY a Tree we were made Slaves, and by the Holy Croſs we were set free; the Fruit of the Tree seduced us, the Son of God redeemed us.

Vers. We adore thee, O Christ, &c.

The Prayer.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, &c. as before.

At

At the NINTH HOUR.

Vers. By the Sign  of the Cross, &c.

The Vers. Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The H Y M N.

AT None, the fatal Hour of Three,

All Nature shook, amaz'd to see

How Christ, the God of Nature dy'd:

His parting Sighs, and wounded Side.

The Sun's eclips'd, the Rocks relent,

And all, but Man, his Pains resent.

The Antiphon.

O Strange Effect of Piety! Even Death itself was
then struck dead, when on the Tree Life
bowed its Head.

Vers. We adore thee, O Christ, &c.

The Prayer.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, &c. as before.

At VESPERS, or EVEN-SONG.

Vers. By the Sign  of the Cross.

The Vers.

Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The H Y M N.

THE sable Evening mourns its Loss,

Whilst Christ is taken from the Cross:

Thus God and Man, by mortal Strife,

Paid down the Ransom of our Life:

And thus the Crown of Glory lay,

Trodden and mixt with common Clay.

The Antiphon.

O Blessed Cross, that alone wert worthy to
bear the Price of the World: Dear Wood!

Dear are the Nails ! Dear is the Load thou bearest !
 Thou alone surpaſſest the tallest Cedars ; on thee
 did hang the Saviour of the World ; on thee did
Christ triumph ; and Death subdued Death for ever.

Vers. We adore thee, O *Christ*, &c.

The Prayer.

O My Lord *Jesus Christ*, Son of the living God,
 set thy Passion, Cross, and Death, &c. as before.

At COMPLINE.

Vers. By the Sign  of the Cross, &c.

The Vers.

Convert us, O God, our Saviour :

Resp. And turn away thy Anger from us.

Vers. Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The HYMN.

THE Compline Hour concludes our Praise,

And *Christ* in his Sepulchre lays :

With him embalm'd is treasur'd up

The sacred Pledge of future Hope :

And Scriptures are fulfill'd : May we,

O *Christ*, preserve thy Memory.

The Antiphon.

SAVE us, O Saviour of the World, who, by
 thy Cross and Blood, didst redeem us ; help
 us, we beseech thee, O our God.

Vers. We adore thee, O *Christ*, &c.

The Prayer.

O my Lord, &c. as before.

The Recommendation.

ACCEPT, O *Christ*, these humble Vows,

And to the last our Cause espouse :

That we may find Support in thee,

In Death's deplored Agony. Amen.

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MATINS.

Vers. MAY the Holy Ghost a heavenly Ray
Into our Minds and Hearts display.

Resp. Amen.

The Verf.

Lord, thou wilt open my Lips.

Resp. And my Mouth shall set forth thy Praise.

Vers. Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia,
is said, Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eter-
nal Glory.

The HYMN.

O Dove Divine, with Wings display'd,
Extend the Cover of thy Shade,
And make our Souls bear Fruit to thee:
Thou, by whose pregnant Shadow we,
Foretold by Gabriel's Message, own
The fruitful Maid, and Christ, her Son.

The Antiphon.

COME, Holy Ghost, replenish the Hearts of
thy Faithful, and kindle in them the Fire of
thy Love.

Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be
created.

Resp. And thou wilt renew the Face of the
Earth.

The Prayer.

MA Y the Virtue of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee, O Lord, be ever with us, both gracious to purify our Hearts, and to defend us from all Adverfities: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ*, who, with thee and the same Holy Ghost, &c.

At PRIME.

Vers. **M**A Y the Holy Ghost a heavenly Ray
Into our Minds and Hearts display.

Resp. Amen.

Vers.

Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Ref. O Lord, make Haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The HYMN.

BE NEATH the sacred Spirit's Shade,
The Son of God, a Creature made,
Was born, was crucify'd, and dy'd.
Did in the Grave three Days reside;
Then rose again, and from on high
Dispatch'd the Ghostly Deity.

The Antiphon.

Come Holy Ghost, &c.

Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, &c.

The Prayer.

May the Virtue, &c. as before.

At the THIRD HOUR.

Vers. May the Holy Ghost, &c. as before.

The Vers.

Attend unto my Aid, O God,

Ref. O Lord, make haste to help me,

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The HYMN.

FROM God the sacred Spirit came,

At Pentecost, in Tongues of Flame;

And

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And with a glowing Zeal possest
The weak Apostles yielding Breast;
Lest they on Earth of Christ bereft,
Might be like helpless Orphans left.

The Antiphon.

Come, Holy Ghost, &c.
Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, &c.

The Prayer.

May the Virtue, &c. as before.
At the SIXTH HOUR.

Vers. May the Holy Ghost, &c. as before.

The Verf.

Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make Haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The H Y M N.

THE sev'nfold Grace and Gift of Speech

The blest Apostles Tongues enrich;

Whereby all Languages they use,

And with that Gift their Faith diffuse:

Whilst thus the Gospel Seeds are hurl'd

To bear their Fruit around the World.

The Antiphon.

Come, Holy Ghost, &c.

Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, &c.

The Prayer.

May the Virtue, &c. as before.

At the NINTH HOUR.

Vers. May the Holy Ghost, &c. as before.

The Verf.

Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make Haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The H Y M N.

THE Comforter's thy chosen Name,

Thou'r't Charity's seraphick Flame;

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God's greatest Gift, celestial Fire:
Fountain of Life, and chaste Desire:
The sev'nfold Uncion: All Delight,
Descending from the Source of Light.

The Antiphon.

Come, Holy Ghost, &c.

Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, &c.

The Prayer.

May the Virtue, &c. as before.

At EVEN-SONG.

Vers. May the Holy Ghost, &c. as before.

The Verf.

Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make Haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The HYMN.

THOU sov'reign Power of God's Right-hand,
O'er us thy sacred Shield expand,
To guard secure our senseless Will
From Hell, in all Attempts of ill;
That we, reliev'd beneath thy Shade,
May feel thy Nourishment and Aid.

The Antiphon.

Come, Holy Ghost, &c.

Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, &c.

The Prayer.

May the Virtue, &c. as before.

At COMPLINE.

Vers. **M**AY the Holy Ghost a heavenly Ray
Into our Hearts and Minds display,

Resp. Amen.

The Verf.

Convert us, O God, our Saviour,

Resp. And turn away thy Anger from us.

Vers. Attend unto my Aid, O God.

Resp.

Resp. O Lord, make Haste to Help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c. *Alleluid.*

The HYMN.

VOuchsafe, O sacred Paraclete,

To make our Souls thy chosen Seat,
And thence to rule our heedless Ways;
That, when our Judge the Dead shall raise,
Our happy Lot may be to stand
Beneath his right and saving Hand.

The Antiphon.

Come, Holy Ghost, &c.

Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, &c.

The Prayer.

May the Virtue, &c. as before.

The Recommendation.

THESSE Hours we offer up to thee,
O sacred UNION of the Three,
That we for ever may possess
Thy Love and endless Happiness. *Amen.*

PRAYERS on several Occasions.

Prayers to beg the Grace of the Holy Ghost.

The HYMN.

Veni Creator Spiritus, &c. as said on Whitsunday.

CREATOR Spirit, by whose Aid
The World's Foundations first were laid:
Come, visit every pious Mind,
Come, pour thy Joys on Human-kind:
From Sin and Sorrow set us free,
And make thy Temples worthy thee.

O Source of uncreated Light,
The Father's promis'd Paraclete!
Thrice holy Fount, thrice holy Fire
Our Hearts with heavenly Love inspire:

Come, and thy sacred Unction bring,
To sanctify us while we sing.

Plenteous of grace descend from High,
Rich in thy sevenfold Energy:
Thou Strength of his Almighty Hand,
Whose Power does Heaven and Earth command;
Proceeding Spirit, our Defence,
Who do'st the Gift of Tongues dispense,
And crown thy Gift with Eloquence.

Refine and purge our earthly Parts:
But oh! inflame and fire our Hearts:
Our Frailties help, our Vice controul,
Submit the Senses to the Soul;
And when rebellious they are grown,
Then lay thy Hand, and hold them down.

Chace from our Minds th' infernal Foe;
And Peace, the Fruit of Love, bestow:
And, lest our Feet should step astray,
Protect and guide us in the Way.

Make us eternal Truths receive,
And practise all that we believe:
Give us thyself, that we may see
The Father and the Son, by thee.

Immortal Honour, endless Fame,
Attend th' Almighty Father's Name:
The Saviour Son be glorify'd,
Who for lost Man's Redemption dy'd:
And equal Adoration be,
Eternal Paraclete, to thee. Amen.

Vers. Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

Resp. And thou shalt renew the Face of the Earth.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Illumination of the Holy Ghost didst instruct the Hearts of thy Faithful; grant us, by the same Spirit, the Gift of a right Understanding, and the constant Enjoyment of his Comfort: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son; who, with thee and the same Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, World without End. Amen.

O God, to whom every Heart lies open, every Will speaks its Desire, and from whom no Secret is conceal'd; purify by the Inspiration of the Holy Ghost, the Thoughts of our Hearts; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily praise thee. Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son; who, with thee and the same Holy Ghost, &c.

A Prayer for our Friends.

O God, who, by the Grace of the Holy Ghost, didst pour the Gifts of Charity into the Hearts of thy Faithful: Grant to thy Servants N. N. [Here name those you pray for] for whom we implore thy Mercy, Health of Mind and Body; that they may love thee with all their Strength, and with all their Affection accomplish those Things which are pleasing to thee: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son; who, with thee, and the same Holy Ghost, &c.

For our Enemies.

O God, the Lover of Peace and Conserver of Charity, grant true Peace and Charity to all our Enemies; give them Remission of all their Sins, and powerfully deliver us from all their evil Designs: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

To keep off bad Thoughts.

O Almighty and most gracious God, mercifully regard our Prayers, and deliver our Hearts from the Temptation of evil Thoughts; that we may be made a worthy Habitation for the Holy Ghost: Thro' our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son; who, with thee and the same Holy Ghost, &c.

A Prayer for Charity.

O God, who makest all Things turn to the Advantage of them that love thee, infuse into our Hearts an inviolable Affection of thy Charity; that the Desires we conceive by thy Inspiration may by no Temptation be changed: Thro' our Lord, &c.

For Patience.

O God, who, by the Patience of thy only begotten Son hast crush'd the Pride of the old Enemy; grant, we beseech thee, that we may dutifullly call to Mind what he meekly suffered for us, and, by his Example, patiently endure all Adversities: Thro' our Lord, &c.

For the Holy Catholick Church.

DEFLND us, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, &c. as in Page 159.

A Prayer for Continency.

INFLAME, O Lord, our Reins and Hearts, &c. as in Page 234.

A Prayer before a Sermon or Exhortation.

O My Lord Jesus Christ, open my Eyes, that I may see the marvellous Things of thy Law; and strengthen my Hands, that I may perform them. Enlighten my Understanding, purify my Heart, and inflame my Affection, that I may glorify thee in all Things, and love thee above all. Amen.

A Psalm

A Psalm in Tribulation.

Psalm XC. Qui habitat.

HE that dwells in the Help of the Highest shall abide under the Protection of the God of Heaven.

He shall say to the Lord, Thou art my Protector, and my Refuge: My God, I will hope in him.

Because he has deliver'd me out of the Snare of the Hunters; and from the harsh Word.

With his Shoulders he shall overshadow thee: And under his Wings thou shalt hope.

His Truth will encompass thee with a Shield: Thou shalt not be afraid of the Terror of the Night:

Nor of the Arrow that lieth in the Day; nor of the Busines that walketh about in the Dark: Nor any Assault, or Devil of the Noon-day.

A thousand shall fall by thy Side, and ten thousand on thy Right-hand: But to thee it shall not approach.

But thou shalt consider with thy Eyes, and see the Reward of Sinners.

Because thou, O Lord, art my Hope: Thou hast made the Highest thy Refuge.

No Evil shall come to thee; and the Scourge shall not come near thy Habitation.

Because he hath given his Angels Charge of thee, to guard thee in all thy Ways.

They shall carry thee in their Hands, lest perhaps thou dash thy Foot against a Stone.

Thou shalt walk on the Asp and Basilisk; and trample on the Lion and Dragon.

Because he hath hoped in me, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he hath known my Name.

He

He will cry out to me, and I will hear him :
I am with him in Tribulation : I will rescue
him, and glorify him.

I will fill him with Length of Days, and shew
him my Salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer to be said every Day, in Time of Persecution.

O My Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true
Man, who sufferedst an ignominious Death
on the Cross, for my Redemption ; I humbly
offer up to thee my Soul, my Body, my Life,
(my Lands) my Goods, and all my Fortunes, to
be wholly disposed of, according to thy most
blessed Will : And if it be to thy holy Pleasure,
that I should loose my Life or Fortunes, for the
Profession of thy holy Name and the Catholick
Religion, Lord, I humbly and freely submit
thereunto ; beseeching thee, of thy infinite Good-
ness and Mercy, and by the Merits of thy bitter
Passion and Death, to be pleased to forgive me
my Sins ; give me Strength and Patience to
overcome all Temptations and Adversities ; par-
don all my Enemies and Persecutors, and all the
Injuries they have done me, in Thought, Word,
or Deed ; and make us all Partakers of thy hea-
venly Kingdom ; who, with the Father and the
Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God World
without End. Amen.

A Prayer published by P. Urban VIII.

Ante Oculos tuos, Domine, &c.

B EFORE thy Eyes, O Lord, we bring our
Offences ; and with them compare the Stripes
we have received.

If we weigh the Evil we have done, we find
that what we suffer is much less than what we
deserve.

What

What we have committed far outweighs what we endure.

We feel the Punishment of Sin ; and yet we turn not from our Wilfulness in finning.

Our Weakness faints under thy Scourges : but our Perverseness is still the same.

Our diseased Mind is racked with Pain : And our Neck is as stiff as ever.

Our Life is spent in Sighs and Grief ; but in our Actions we are not reformed.

If thou expectest our Amendment we grow no better ; if thou takest Revenge we are not able to subsist.

When we are chastised we acknowledge what we have done ; but when thy Visitation is over, we forget what we wept for.

If thou stretchest out thy Hand we promise Duty, if thou suspendest thy Sword we keep not our Promise.

If thou strikest we cry for Pardon, and if thou pardonest we provoke thee again to strike.

Here, O Lord, are thy Criminals, confessing their Guilt. We know, that unless thou forgivest, thou may'st justly destroy us.

Grant, O Almighty Father, without Merit, what we ask ; as out of nothing thou didst create us, to ask thee ; Thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Antiphon.

WE wait in Expectation of our Saviour's Coming, who will reform our frail Bodies, and make them conformable to his glorious Body.

Vers. Behold the God of Heaven is our Redeemer.

Resp. In him we will put our Confidence, and will not fear.

Almighty

ALMIGHTY GOD, who, for the Redemption of Mankind didst send thy only begotten Son to assume our Flesh, and suffer Death upon the Cross: We humbly beseech thee, that we may both imitate the Example of his Patience, and become Partakers of his Resurrection: Who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, World without End. Amen.

A Thanksgiving.

THEE Sov'reign God, our grateful Accents praise, &c. as in Page 32.
That done, say,

Vers. Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

Reps. Let us praise and extol him for ever.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Reps. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, of whose Mercies there is no Number, and of whose Goodness the Treasure is infinite: We humbly thank thy most gracious Majesty for the Gifts thou hast bestowed on us; ever beseeching thy Clemency, that as thou grantest our Request, when we humbly ask thee, so thou wilt not forsake us, but dispose us for the Rewards of the Life to come: Thro' our Lord, &c.

*Prayers for the KING.**Psalm 19th.*

MAY the Lord hear thee in the Day of Tribulation: May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

May he send thee Help from the Sanctuary; and out of Sion defend thee.

May

May he be mindful of all thy Sacrifices ; and may thy Holocaust be made fat.

May he grant unto thee what thy Heart desires, and fulfil all thy Designs.

We shall rejoice in thy Salvation : And in the Name of our God we shall be magnified.

May the Lord fulfil all thy Petitions : Now I am assured that the Lord hath saved his Anointed.

He will hear him from his holy Heaven : The Salvation of his Right-hand is upon Potentates.

Some trust in Chariots, and some in Horses : But we will call on the Name of the Lord our God.

They have been entangled, and are fallen : But we have risen, and been set upright.

Lord, save the King : And hear us in the Day that we shall call upon thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

Ver. O Lord, save the King.

Reff. And hear us in the Day that we shall call upon thee.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, that thy Servant N. our King, who, through thy Mercy hath taken upon him the Government of this Realm, may likewise receive an Increase of all Virtues ; wherewith being suitably adorned, he may both avoid the Enormity of Sins, and at length, by thy Grace, come to thee, the Way, the Truth and the Life ; who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End. Amen.

Another Prayer.

O God, who art the Strength and Support of those Kingdoms that serve thee, mercifully hear our our Prayers, and defend thy Servant N. thy

thy King, from all Danger ; and grant that his Safety may conduce to the Peace and Welfare of thy People : Thro' our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, World without End. Amen.

**Instructions, with Prayers and Suffrages for
the Sick.**

*W*hensoever God shall please to visit thee with Sickness, thou oughtest with much Diligence to prepare thyself to die well : Discharge thy Heart of the Cares of this World : Receive devoutly the Sacraments of the Church, and earnestly recommend thy Soul to God, that thou mayest obtain Strength to go thro' with thy Journey.

Remember the Passion of our sweet Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ : Embrace in thy Heart his holy Cross, kiss his sacred Feet, and hide thyself in his blessed Wounds ; that thou mayst be safe, and happily escape all the Snares and Enticements of the Devil, humbly beseeching our Saviour Jesus Christ to vouchsafe to wash thy Soul with his precious Blood, and entirely pardon all thy Sins.

And because of the Unprofitableness and Imperfection of thy own Life, offer to God the Father the Merits of Jesus Christ, his most holy Incarnation, Death and Passion.

Recommend thyself to our blessed Lady, the glorious Virgin, Mother of God, and to the other Citizens of Heaven, and principally to that Saint whom thou hast been accustomed to pray unto ; believing certainly that they hear thy Prayers, and not doubting but that, if thou art truly sorry for thy Sins, and dost heartily

heartily recommend thyself in thy last Agony to their holy Patronage, they will obtain of God for thee such Graces as shall be necessary to thee in this dangerous Passage.

A Profession and Prayers very profitable to be made by the Sick.

I Most wicked and unworthy Sinner redeemed I, with the precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, openly profess, that, with a sincere Heart, I forgive all those who have at any Time offended me, or done me Injuries, in what Manner soever; most humbly desiring every one I have offended (whether present or absent) to vouchsafe all to forgive me.

[Here let the sick Person call to mind his Sins in particular, and ask God Forgiveness; purposing firmly, by his Grace, never to commit Sin again: And tho' his Sins be ever so many, and the Manner of his Offences ever so horrible and grievous, yet he is to trust in the Goodness and Omnipotence of God, whose Mercies are innumerable, and to hope and be comforted in the Passion of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; saying, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, &c. as in Page 1.]

O Holy Trinity, I beseech thee to keep and preserve this pure Religion of my Faith; and grant that it may ever be sounding in my Conscience, till my Spirit depart.

O Almighty and merciful Jesus, I protest, before thee and all the Court of Heaven, that I have a Will and Desire to finish my Life in this Faith, wherein every Child that is obedient to

to our Mother the holy Church, is bound to live and die.

Furthermore, my sweet Saviour, I protest, that I believe wholly, and universally, all that which is contained in the *Catholick Faith*, and that which a true faithful Christian ought to believe: And if it happen by the Assault of the Devil, or by Violence of Sicknesse, I should come to think, say, or do, any Thing contrary to this Purpose, I revoke it at this present, and protest, that I give no Consent to any such Thought, Word, or Work.

I rejoice and render Thanks to my loving Creator and Redeemer, for the marvellous Goodness of his Bounty, thro' which I hope undoubtedly to die in the holy *Catholick Faith*: And so I commend my Soul and Body into his most holy Hands, now, and at the Hour of my Death. Amen.

O Sweet *Jesu*, I desire neither Life nor Death, but thy most holy Will: Thee, O Lord, I look for; be it unto me according to thy Pleasure. If thou wilt, (sweet *Jesu*) that I die, receive my Soul; and tho' I come late to thee, yet grant, that with thee, and in thee, I may receive the happy Wages of eternal Life. If thou wilt, sweet *Jesu*, that I live longer on Earth, I purpose, by the Assistance of thy Grace, to amend the rest of my Life, and offer all in Sacrifice to thee, for thy Honour and Glory, according to thy blessed Will.

O Merciful *Jesu*, my Strength and Power, my Comfort and Ease, my Protector and Redeemer, in whom I have hoped, in whom I have believed, and whom I have loved; my sweet Delight, my Tower of Strength, my Hope from my Childhood, the Guide of my Life; call me and I will

will answer thee: O Creator of Heaven and Earth, stretch forth the Power of thy Mercy to the Work of thy Hands, which thou created'st out of the Slime of the Earth, and tied'st together with Bones and Sinews. Command, O Lord; stay not, for it is Time that Dust should return to Dust, and my Soul to thee, my Saviour, who sent'st it down at first into the World.

Open me the Gates of Life; for thou died'st on the Cross for my Sake, and promised'st to receive me. Come, my sweet Lord, let me embrace thee, let me not lose thee; bring me into thy heavenly Palace. Thou art my Redeemer, my Glory, my Security, and my Life. Receive me, most gracious Lord, according to the multitude of thy Mercies, and place me in Joys at thy Right-hand for ever.

I Am sick, my Life is weak; and therefore to thee, O Lord, I run, as to my only Physician: Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; and since all my Confidence is repos'd in thee, let me not be confounded. But what am I, O most merciful God, that speak so boldly to thee? I am a Sinner, begotten, born, and brought up in Sin: I am a rotten Carcass, a Vessel of Corruption, and Meat for Worms. What Victory, O Lord, will it be, if, when thou contendest with me, thou shouldest overthrow me, who am less, in respect of thee, than a little Chaff before the Face of the Wind? Forgive, O Lord, forgive all my Sins, and lift me up from this low and miserable Valley of Tears. Thou art my Lord and my God, Flesh of my Flesh, Bone of my Bone; thou did'st assume my human Nature, that I might boldly have Recourse to thee, as to my Brother; and would'st so mercifully shadow thy Divinity, that

that I might not be afraid of thy dreadful Majesty. Wherefore arise, O Lord, and help me ; arise and reject me not for ever.

I am, sweet Jesus, a Part of that Purchase which thou madest on the Cross. For me thou shed'st thy precious Blood, cast me not away. I am that Sheep which is gone astray : seek me, O good Shepherd, and bring me to thy Flock : *that thou may'st be justified in thy Words* : For thou hast promised, that at what Hour soever a Sinner repents of his Sins and turns to thee, he shall be saved. I lament, O Lord, and mourn for my Sins ; I acknowledge my Iniquity ; my Wickedness is always in thy Sight : I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee, and am not worthy to be called thy Servant. Turn away thy Face, O Lord, from my Sins, and blot out my Iniquities, according to thy great Mercy. Cast me not away from thy Sight : Deal not with me according to my Sins, nor reward me as my Iniquities deserve : But help me, O Lord my Saviour ; and, for the Glory of thy Name deliver me. Deal mercifully with me, according to thy good Pleasure ; that, with the rest of thy Elect, I may be admitted into thy glorious and eternal Palace, and praise thee for ever. *Amen.*

The LITANY for the SICK.

LORD have Mercy on him (*her or me*). 

Christ have Mercy on him.

Lord have Mercy on him.

O God the Father, Creator of the World,
Have Mercy on him.

O God

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Have Mercy on him.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect, *Have Mercy on him.*

O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God, *Have Mercy on him.*

Holy Mary, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Angels and Archangels, *Pray for him.*

Holy Abel, *Pray for him.*

All ye blessed Company of the Just, *Pray for him.*

Holy Abraham, *Pray for him.*

St. John Baptist, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, *Pray for him.*

St. Peter, and St. Paul, *Pray for him.*

St. Andrew, and St. John, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Disciples of our Lord, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Innocents, *Pray for him.*

St. Stephen, and St. Laurence, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Martyrs, *Pray for him.*

St. Silvester, and St. Augustine, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, *Pray for him.*

St. Bennet, and St. Francis, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Monks and Hermits, *Pray for him.*

St. Mary Magdalen, and St. Lucy, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Virgins and Widows, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy Saints of God, *Make Intercession for him.*

Have Mercy, O Lord, *And spare him.*

Have Mercy, O Lord, *And hear him.*

From all his Sins, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From all Temptations, and the Snares of Satan, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From all Impatience, and repining at thy just Chastisements, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From Dejection of Spirit, and Diffidence in thy Mercies, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From the Fear of Death, and too much Desire of Life, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From distracting his Mind with the Things of this World, and neglecting to prepare himself for Eternity, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy Cross and Passion, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy Death and Burial, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By the Grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

At the Hour of Death, and the Day of Judgment, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

We Sinners, *Beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wilt be pleased to comfort him in his Sorrows, and enable him to look beyond Death, on the blessed State it leads to, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wilt be pleased to bring into his Thoughts all thy Mercies, and by them encourage him to a Confidence in thee, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wilt vouchsafe him the Grace to order all his temporal Affairs with Prudence, Justice, and Charity; and with a free and quiet Mind wholly attend to dispose himself for Heaven, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wilt vouchsafe to him the Grace entirely to confess, and sincerely to repent of all his Sins, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wilt vouchsafe him the Grace heartily to forgive all those who have offended him; and satisfy, to his Power, whoever has suffered the least Prejudice by him, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That, being thus reconciled to thee and all the World, he may, with an humble and assured

Hope,

Hope, reverently receive the sacred *Viaticum* of thy blessed Body, and firmly persevere to the End in thy Grace and Favour, *We beseech thee, hear us.* That the Pains of his Sickness may expiate the Punishment due to his Sins, diminishing his Love of this World; and increasing his Desire of the next, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That whatever thy Providence shall determine concerning him, he may readily submit to thy holy Will; and, whether he live or die, be always thine, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Spare him, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Hear him, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Have Mercy on him.*

Lord have Mercy on him.

Christ have Mercy on him.

Lord have Mercy on him.

Our Father, &c.

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my cry come to thee.

The Prayer.

A Lmighty and everlasting God, in whose Hands are the Keys of Life and Death, and whose infinite Wisdom disposes all Things for the best to them that love thee: Behold, we beseech thee, thy Servant, whom thou hast cast upon the Bed of Sickness, and support with thy Grace his afflicted Spirit; strengthen his Faith, increase his Hope, and perfect his Charity; and sanctify to him every Accident of his Sufferings; that, if thy Mercy shall restore him to his Health, he may more carefully correct the Errors of his former

Life; and, if it shall please thee to call him to thyself, he may pass thro' the Valley of the Shadow of Death with Safety, and be transported, by the holy Angels, into the Mansions of Bliss, where no Fear shall trouble him, no Pains torment him, nor any Grief disturb the Quiet of his Mind; but perfect Security, pure Delights, and unspeakable Joys, shall for ever be established unto him: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ* thy only Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. Amen.

A Recommendation of a Soul departing.

BLESSED are they that die in the Lord, for they rest from their Labours, and their Works follow them. In Peace then depart, O Christian Soul, out of this miserable World, to thy eternal Home; depart with full Hope and Confidence in the Name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee; in the Name of *Jesus Christ*, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee on the Holy Cross; in the Name of the Holy Ghost, whose Graces were infused into thee; in the Name of the holy Angels and Archangels; in the Name of the Thrones and Dominations; in the Name of the Cherubims and Seraphims, and of all the Choirs of blessed Spirits; in the Name of the Patriarchs and Prophets; in the Name of the holy Apostles and Evangelists; in the Name of the holy Martyrs and Confessors; in the Name of the holy Virgins, and all the Saints of God; let thy Place be this Day in Peace, and thy Habitation in holy Sion: Thro' *Christ* our Lord. Amen.

O Gracious God, who, according to the Multitude of thy Mercies, blottest out the Sins of such as are penitent; and, with thy Remission and Pardon, purgest the Guilt of past Offences: Mercifully

cifully look upon this thy Servant *N.* and for these our Prayers grant him his Request, who most earnestly craves the Pardon of all his Sins. Renew in him, O merciful Father, whatever is corrupt, thro' the Frailty of the Flesh, or by the Craft of Satan. Have Mercy, O Lord, on his Sighs, have Mercy on his Tears, and again admit him to the Sacrament of thy Reconciliation, who hath no Hope but in thy Mercy: Thro' Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TO the infinite Mercy of Almighty God, and to his sacred Protection I recommend thee, whose Creature thou art, that thou may'st return again to thy Maker, who formed thee of a Piece of Clay. Let therefore the noble Company of Angels meet thy Soul; let the whole Senate of Apostles receive thee; let the triumphant Army of glorious Martyrs conduct thee; let the Multitude of shining Confessors encompass thee; let the whole Choir of Virgins rejoice to see thee; and lead thee to the Place of blessed Rest and Quietness; let Christ Jesus appear to thee with a mild and cheerful Countenance, and adjudge thee to be amongst those who always attend on him.

Christ Jesus deliver thee from all Torments, who was crucified for thee; Christ Jesus deliver thee from Death, who vouchsafed to die for thee; Christ Jesus, Son of the living God, place thee in his Garden of Paradise, which is always pleasant and flourishing. He that is the true Shepherd receive thee amongst his Sheep, absolve thee from all thy Sins, and place thee at his Right-hand, in the Inheritance of his Elect. *Amen.*

DELIVER, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, from all Dangers of Hell, and from all Pains and Tribulation.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Enoch* and *Elias* from the common Death of the World.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Noah* from drowning in the general Flood.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Job* from his Misery and Affliction.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Isaac* from being offered in Sacrifice by the Hands of his Father.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Lot* from *Sodom* and the Flame of Fire.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Moses* from the Hands of *Pharaoh*, King of the *Egyptians*.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Daniel* from the Den of Lions.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st the three Children out of the fiery Furnace, and from the Hands of the cruel and unmerciful King.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *Susanna* from the Crime with which she was falsely charged.

Resp. Amen.

Deliver,

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *David* from the Hands of *Saul* and *Goliath*.

Reſp. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the Soul of thy Servant, as thou delivered'st *St. Peter* and *St. Paul* out of Prison.

Reſp. Amen.

And as thou delivered'st that blessed Virgin and Martyr *St. Tecla* from her most cruel Torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the Soul of this thy Servant, and bring it into the Freedom of thy Elect, to partake of thy everlasting Joys in Heaven.

Reſp. Amen.

Prayers for Women in Travail.

To God the Father.

MOST merciful Father of Heaven, hear the Prayers of thy Servants for thy Handmaid, labouring with Child; that as by thy good Providence she hath conceived, so by thy special Blessing she may speedily be delivered: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ* thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

To God the Son.

O Blessed *Jesus*, who wert born without any Pain to thy most pure Virgin Mother; grant mercifully, that the Fruit of thy Handmaid may so come safe and perfect into this World, that it may, by the Font of Baptism, be born again to thee; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

To God the Holy Ghost.

O God the Holy Ghost, the assured Comforter of those who call on thee; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to hear thy Servants, offering those Prayers on Behalf of thy Handmaid; that by thy Grace she may patiently suffer the Pains of Child-bearing, and by thy Mercy obtain a safe and speedy Deliverance; who, with the Father and the Son, livest, &c.

*To our blessed Lady.**The Antiphon.*

TO thee, and to thy holy Intercession, O Virgin Mother of God, all Women labouring in Child-birth fly; repel them not in their Necessities, but help them with thy powerful Prayers, O glorious and ever blessed Virgin.

Vers. In all our Tribulations and Anguishess.

Resp. The blessed Virgin Mother assist us.

MOST pure Virgin, and glorious Mother of our Saviour, who, next to thy dear Son, art our Refuge, our Hope, and Comfort; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to implore his Mercy for thy Suppliant, that she may be safely delivered, and the Fruit of her Womb baptized, and hereafter so live in the Fear and Service of God, that it may at last come to the Kingdom of Joy, and eternal Glory: Thro' Jesus Christ, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

*The Antiphon.**Salve Regina, Mater, &c.*

HAIL, happy Queen, thou Mercy's Parent, hail! Life, Hope, and Comfort of this earthly Vale. To thee Eve's wretched Children raise their Cry, In Sighs and Tears to thee we Suplicants fly. Rite, glorious Advocate, exert thy Love, And let our Vows those Eyes of Pity move.

O sweet,

O sweet, O pious Maid! for us obtain,
For us who long have in our Exile lain, }
To see thy Infant *Jesus*, and with him to reign.

Vers. Pray for thy distressed Handmaid, O blessed
Mother of God.

Resp. That she may for ever rejoice in thy Son.

The Prayer.

O Almighty eternal God, who, by the Co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst so prepare the Body and Soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother *Mary*, as to make her a worthy Receptacle for thy Son; grant, that as we rejoice in her Commemoration, so, by her pious Intercession, thy Servant, now labouring with Child, may be succoured, and speedily delivered: Thro' the same *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

*Acts of VIRTUE.**Acts of Faith.*

1. MY Lord and Creator, I believe undoubtedly in the blessed Trinity, three divine Persons and one Essence; one only God, most high, most mighty, most glorious, together with all the other Articles which the Catholic Church believes, for which I am ready to die.

2. O Saviour of my Soul, Author of the true Faith, *Jesus Christ* my Lord, I believe thou art the eternal Son of God, born of the Father before all Ages: I believe thou art true God and true Man in one only Person; for which Truth I am ready to suffer all the Torments and Deaths that can be devised.

3. Dear Lord, I believe most faithfully, that thy true Body and Blood is really present in the

blessed Sacrament of the Altar; which I will confess in the Midst of Fire, and of a thousand Swords. I believe most firmly all that our Holy Mother, the Catholic Church, believes and teaches, because thou, who art the Sovereign Truth, hast taught all these Things, and thou neither can'st deceive, nor be deceived.

Acts of Hope.

1. O My God, and most merciful Lord, I firmly hope for the Remission of my Sins and Life everlasting; relying upon thy Promises, thy infinite Power, Goodness and Mercy, and the Assistance of thy Grace; thro' the Death and Passion of *Jesus Christ* my Saviour.

2. My Sins have hitherto been many and grievous; and I am every Day guilty of great Faults and Imperfections; yet I hope, by thy gracious Assistance, to repent of them all, sincerely to amend my Life for the future, and henceforward to fulfil thy Commandments.

3. If I were guilty of all the Sins and enormous Crimes, which have been committed from the Beginning of the World to this Day, yet would I not despair of thy Mercy; for I know thou never rejected a sincere Penitent, and that one Drop of the precious Blood of the Lamb is enough to wash away the Sins of ten thousand Worlds.

4. I hope most firmly (O Son of God, and my Redeemer) by the Merits of thy Passion and Death, applied to me by thy holy Sacraments, to come to the Enjoyment of eternal Life.

5. O Lord of infinite Mercy, as there was never a Sinner that called on thee, to whom thou didst not shew Mercy; so I hope thou wilt have Mercy on me, calling on thee from the Bottom of my Heart.

Acts of the Love of God.

1. O My God, thou commandest me to love thee with my whole Heart, with my whole Soul, with all my Mind, and with all my Strength; and 'tis my sincere Desire so to love thee: O! come and take Possession of my whole Heart and Soul, and teach me this heavenly Art of Love. Let this sacred Fire ever burn upon the Altar of my Heart. Let nothing be able to extinguish it: O! let nothing in Life or Death ever separate me from thy Love.

2. Thou art the sovereign Good, the Fountain of all Good; and thou art infinitely good to me. Thou art the sovereign Beauty, the sovereign Bounty, and the sovereign Truth; the immense and incomprehensible Ocean of all Perfection. Thou art my Creator, my Redeemer, the best of Friends; and my perpetual Benefactor. Thou art my sweet Repose, my true and only Joy, and eternal Felicity. Thou art my constant Lover, the Father and Spouse of my Soul. Thou art my God and my All. Oh! when shall I be so happy as to see thee, to love thee, to enjoy thee for ever,

3. I desire with my whole Heart that all the Creation may glorify thee; that thou may'st be known, worthily praised, and served by all Nations; that thy Love may subdue all Hearts; and that all thy Creatures may fulfil thy Will in all Things. Oh! when will Sin have an End? When will thy Kingdom perfectly come? When wilt thou reign All in All? In the mean Time I offer thee my whole self without Reserve; and I desire to be for ever a Servant of thy Love; and to invite as many as I can to love thee, whom I desire to love in thee and for thee.

4. I rejoice with my whole Soul, that thou art in thyself eternally and infinitely perfect, eternally and infinitely happy; and that nothing can be added to thy Greatness and Glory. O grant that we may be all eternal Witnesses of thy Glory, and eternally rejoice therein.

5. O my infinite Good! I resign and consecrate to thee whatever I have received from thy liberal Hand. Grant I may never use thy Gifts to please and gratify a vain, worldly, idle Humour, to thy Displeasure; but only for the Ends for which thou wert pleased to give them.

Acts of Love towards our Neighbour.

1. **M**OST merciful Lord, I beseech thy infinite Goodness, so to enlighten the Hearts of all Sinners, that they may come to true Repentance, and do Penance for their Sins; and seek thee with all Care, who art the only Good of our Souls.

2. Grant, O my Lord, that all who have repented of their Sins may faithfully amend their Lives, and daily advance in thy Grace.

3. I beseech thee, O sweet Saviour, that all such as are seduced by Heresy may return to our Holy Mother, the Catholic Church.

4. Draw unto thee, most sweet Jesus, all those who are plunged into the Disorders of a sensual Life, that they may run after the Odours of thy precious Ointment, and come to true Holiness, without which none shall see God.

5. I beseech thee (my Lord) by the Bowels of thy infinite Mercy, that all such as are deluded with Ambition, and run after earthly Greatness, may turn all their Affections to the Love of thee.

6. Forgive,

6. Forgive, sweet Saviour, all those that persecute me, or have done me any Wrong; grant they may love thee in this Life, and after Death for ever enjoy thee in Heaven.

Acts of Repentance or Contrition.

1. **M**OST merciful Lord, I detest and abhor all my Sins, because they have offended thy infinite Goodness: I am heartily sorry for them all; and fully determined by thy Grace rather to die than to consent for the Time to come to any one mortal Sin.

2. I most heartily beg Pardon of thy infinite Majesty, for all my Treasons and Rebellions against thee. I wish with all my Soul I had never offended so good a God. O infinite Mercy, forgive me all my Sins, for the Sake of *Jesus Christ* my Saviour, who shed his precious Blood for me.

3. Father, I have sinned against Heaven and in thy Sight, and am not worthy to be called thy Child: O receive me at least as one of the meanest of thy Servants. Oh! who will give Water to my Head, and a Fountain of Tears to my Eyes, that Night and Day I may bewail my Sins.

4. From this Hour I resolve to begin to do serious Penance for my Sins, and make what Satisfaction I am able to thy divine Justice: I am resolved to fly bad Company, and all dangerous Occasions; to resist the first Motions of Evil; to mortify my Passions and irregular Inclinations; and to be diligent in all spiritual Exercises.

An Act of CONTRITION.
O Dreadful Lord, and most indulgent Father,

Ec. as in page 32.

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Slow!

A most devout Act of CONTRITION, very useful for
the stirring up in our Souls a hearty Sorrow for
having offended Almighty God, and a firm Resolu-
tion of never offending him.

Veni Sancte Spiritus, &c.

O My God! O God of my Heart! of my Soul!
of my Life! and of all that is within me!
Whom I have so much offended! So much, O
my God and my Lord, that neither the Sands of
the Sea-Shore, the Stars of the Heavens, the
Flowers of the Fields, nor the Leaves of the
Trees, can equal the boundless Number or un-
speakable Variety of my Sins. I have sinned, O
Lord, I have offended thee: I have done Evil be-
fore the Face of Heaven and Earth: I have de-
parted from thy Law, I have turned my back on
thy Grace, adored what offended thee, made an
Idol of my Guilt, and run on without Fear or
Shame in the Ways of Deceit, Vanity, and Per-
dition. Ah! my God, it grieves me to have of-
fended thee: And yet how little do I grieve, when
the Injuries I have done thee are so great? I am
more troubled at the Greatness of the Ingratitude
wherewith I have offended thee, than at the
Greatness of the Torments which I have deserved.
But, O Lord, what do I say? O my God, my
Grief is none at all. A Grief which doth not put
an End to my Life, is no Grief: A Sorrow which
doth not force from me this Soul of mine, is no
Sorrow: A Contrition which doth not even break
my Heart in Pieces, is not to be accounted Con-
trition. I would have the Sorrow of my Sins to
be as great as the Sins themselves; I would have
the Regret for having displeased thee, to hold Pro-
portion with the Injuries committed against thee;
I would

I would willingly bewail my great Sins with Tears of Blood, more for the Offence and Injury which they have committed against thee, than for the Damage and Perdition which they bring upon myself. I wish, O Lord, that as in offending thee the Guilt was infinite, so in repenting thereof the Grief were also infinite. But where shall I find so deep a Sense of Sorrow, save only in the Fountain of thy Grace? Where shall I find such a Grace, save only in the Knowledge of thy immense Goodness, and of my infinite Malice? Whence are those Tears to flow, save only from the Ocean of thy Mercy? Here I am come, tho' late, to thy Feet: But, Ah! Lord, how miserable do I come! How filthy! How abominable! Covered with the Filthiness of my Offences; and full of the Abominations and Vices of my Life! But, because they are thy Feet to which I come; O my God, I come with the Confidence of finding in thy Mercy, a secure Haven; in thy Compassion, a Defence; in thy Clemency a Refuge; and in thy Goodness, a Remedy. Wherefore, O Lord, trembling at thy Justice, I seek no other Refuge, save that of thy Mercy: I pretend to no Shelter, but thy Clemency: In thee I trust, O my God: For tho' by Sin I have lost the Title and Privilege of a Son; yet thou, O Lord, infinitely Good, dost not lose the Nature and Condition which thou had'st of a Father. Let then, O Lord, thy infinite Grace compleat that Work in me which thy infinite Mercy has begun. Let thy Clemency come to the Succour of this miserable Creature. Take Pity and Compassion of this poor Soul. I purpose, with thy Grace, to amend my Life, to confess my Faults, to persevere in thy Service, to pardon Injury, to avoid the Occasions of Evil, to abhor
my

my Vices, to make such Restitution as I am able, and to comply, as I am bound, with thy holy Commandments. I trust, O Lord, in thy infinite Goodness, that thou wilt pardon all my Sins, thro' the Death and Passion of my Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*. For tho' in his Wounds there is Justice to punish me, yet in the same Wounds there is likewise Mercy to forgive me. Mercy! Mercy! Mercy! Gracious Lord, have Mercy.

An Oblation to Almighty GOD; which may be made every Morning and Evening.

O My most merciful Lord, and ever-living God, behold, I, a most wretched and ungrateful Sinner, prostrate before Thee, adore and worship Thee, offering up, in all Humility, immortal Praise and Thanksgiving for all thy Blessings; especially for that unspeakable Charity, wherewith thou didst send down thy only begotten Son into this Vale of Tears, for the Work of our Redemption.

Eternal Lord of Heaven and Earth, I praise and magnify thy ever glorious Name, for thy Son's most holy Incarnation and Nativity; for his divine Examples of Obedience and all Virtues; for his heavenly Doctrine and Miracles; for his Death and Passion; for his Resurrection and Ascension.

I yield thee all possible Thanks for that Divine Mystery of his precious Body and Blood in the venerable Sacrament of the Eucharist, wherewith we are nourished, cleansed, and sanctified, and our Souls made Partakers of all heavenly Graces and spiritual Benedictions.

Yours &c. Give to another O sit boun of Tyme
Xan

I give thee most humble and hearty Thanks, that of the Slime of the Earth thou wert pleased to make me according to thy own Image, rendering me capable of thy eternal Glory. And to recover me when I was lost by Sin, thou did'st vouchsafe, thro' the Merits of *Jesus Christ* thy Son, first to wash me with the Laver of Baptism, for the Remission of that original Corruption which was contracted by my first Parents, and afterwards to bring me to the Exercises and Acts of a right Faith; not ceasing daily to increase the same in me, by the Doctrine and Instruction of thy Church; and to favour me with innumerable other Graces and Calls.

I most humbly thank thee also, that from my Cradle thou hast nourished and cloathed me, supplying me with all Things necessary for the Relief and Maintenance of this my frail Body.

I evermore extol and magnify thy holy Name, that in thy great Mercy thou hast hitherto spared and patiently expected me, till by thy Grace I might be awakened from the Sleep of Sin, and reclaimed from my Vanities and wicked Courses: For had'st thou dealt with me according to my Demerits, my Soul (being oppressed with innumerable Sins) had long e'er this been plunged in eternal Perdition.

In Consideration of all which thy Mercies and Blessings, I most humbly desire, that my Heart may every Day be enlarged, that it may still render thee a more ample Tribute of Praise and Thanksgiving, than it did before.

O my Lord God, and most merciful Father, never leave me to myself, but let thy holy Fear be ever in my Thoughts, to curb and keep me within the Compass of thy Obedience; that I may dread

dread nothing so much in this World as in the least Manner to offend thee. Let thy holy Love so temper all Trials and Temptations which befall me, that none of them at any Time may overcome me. For thou knowest how frail I am of myself, and that my Strength is nothing.

Moreover (most merciful Father) I beseech thee, by the profound Humility of thy only Son, *Jesus Christ*, that thou wouldst preserve me from all Pride and Superfluity, all Self-love and Vain-glory, all Obstinacy and Disobedience. Cast out of my Heart, I beseech thee, the Spirit of Gluttony and Uncleanness, the Spirit of Sloth and In-devotion, the Spirit of Malice and Envy, the Spirit of Hatred and Disdain; that I may never despise any of thy Creatures, nor proudly prefer myself before others; but always be sensible of my own Nothing, inclin'd to think the best of others, and still judge the worst of myself.

Cloath me (O most holy Father) with the Wedding Garment of thy beloved Son, the supernatu-ral Virtue of heavenly Charity, that I may love thee, my Lord God, with all my Heart, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength; that neither Life nor Death, Prosperity nor Adversity, nor any Thing else, may ever separate me from thy Love. Grant, that all inordinate Affection to the transitory Things of this World may daily decrease in me; that thou may'st be the only Entertainment and Delight of my Soul.

O, my most gracious God! Give thy Servant an humble, contrite, and obedient Heart, an Under-standing always employed in honest and pious Thoughts; a Will tractable, and ever inclined to do good; Affections calm and moderate; a watch-ful Guard over my Senses, that by those Windows

no Sin may enter into my Soul; a perfect Government of my Tongue, that no corrupt or unseemly Language may proceed from my Lips; that I may never slander or speak Ill of any, nor busy myself about the Faults and Imperfections of others, but wholly attend to the Amendment of my own.

And finally, (most loving Lord) so long as I am detained in this Prison of my Body, let this be my Comfort; that, being free from all Distracti-
ons both of the Cares and Pleasures of this Life, I may wholly devote myself to thy Service, at-
tending always to thy heavenly Doctrine, and the
good Motions of thy holy Spirit. In these sweet
Exercises let me pass the solitary Hours of my te-
dious Confinement with Patience, expecting the
shutting up of my Days, and a happy End to this
my miserable Life.

And grant, O Redeemer of Mankind, my Lord and my God, that when this my earthly Taber-
nacle shall be dissolved, being found free from all
Pollution of Sin, thro' sincere Contrition, and the Virtue of the Sacraments of thy holy Church,
I may be reckoned in the Number of those blessed
Souls, who, thro' thy Merits and Passion, are
held worthy to reign with thee in eternal Bliss,
and to see the Glory thou had'st with thy Father,
before the World was made: To whom, by all
Creatures in Heaven and Earth, be rendered
Praise and Thanksgiving, World without End.
Amen.

O Lord my God, O Lord my God, possess
my Soul, possess my Soul for ever and ever. *Amen,*
Amen.

*A Prayer made by Sir Thomas Moore, whilst he
was Prisoner in the Tower.*

GIVE me, O Lord, thy Grace, in all my Fear and Agony, to have Recourse to that great Fear and wonderful Agony, which thou, my sweet Saviour, suffered'st on Mount Olivet, before thy most bitter Passion; and in the Meditation thereof to conceive such spiritual Comfort as shall be profitable to my Soul.

Take from me, O my God, all vain-glorious Thoughts, all Appetite of my own Praise, all Envy, Covetousness, Gluttony, Sloth and Luxury; all froward Affections, all Appetite of Revenge, all Desire of others Harm, all Pleasure in provoking any Person to Anger, all Delight in exprobating and insulting over any in their Affliction or Calamity. Give me, O Lord, an humble, quiet, peaceable, patient, tender, and charitable Mind; and in all my Thoughts, Words, and Deeds, to have a Taste of thy holy Spirit.

Give me, O Lord, a lively Faith, a firm Hope, and a fervent Charity, a Love of thee, incomparably above the Love of myself; that I may love nothing to thy Displeasure, but every Thing in order to thy Satisfaction.

Give me, O Lord, a Longing to be with thee, not for avoiding the Calamities of this wretched World, nor so much for escaping the Pains of Purgatory, or those of Hell, nor for the attaining the Joys of Heaven, with Respect to my own Advantage, as purely for the Love of thee.

Retain for me, O Lord, thy Love and Favour, which my Love to thee, were it ever so great, could not (without thy infinite Goodness) deserve.

Pardon,

Pardon, O Lord, my Boldness, in making such high Petitions, being so vile and sinful a Wretch, and so unworthy to obtain the lowest. Yet, O Lord, they are such Things as I am bound to wish for; and should be near the effectual Desire of them, if my manifold Sins were not the Impediment: From which, O sweet Saviour *Christ*, vouchsafe, of thy Goodness, to wash me with that blessed Blood that issued out of thy tender Body, in the divers Torments of thy most bitter Passion.

Take from me, O Lord, this lukewarm, or rather stark cold Manner of Meditation, and this Dulness in Prayer. Give me Fervour and Delight on thinking on thee, and in thy Grace earnestly to desire thy holy Sacraments, and especially to rejoice in the Presence of thy blessed Body (*sweet Saviour Christ*) in the holy Sacrament of the Altar; and duly to thank thee for thy gracious Visitation therein, and at that high Memorial, with tender Compassion, to remember and consider thy most bitter Death upon the Cross.

Make us all, O Lord, every Day virtually Partakers of that holy Sacrament: Make us all lively Members, sweet Saviour *Christ*, of thy holy mystical Body, the Catholick Church. Amen.

LORD, give me Patience in Tribulation, and Grace in every Thing, to conform my Will to thine; that I may truly say, *Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven!*

The Things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me thy Grace to labour for. Amen.

M E D I T A T I O N S

On the Passion of our Saviour

*J E S U S C H R I S T.**The first Meditation.*

O Good and gracious Jesus! who being most high in the Glory of thy Father, and equal to him in Power, Majesty, and Essence, vouchsafest it of thy infinite Charity to be made Man, to be born in a Stable, to be laid in a Manger, to be circumcised, and fly into Egypt; afterwards to be baptised, to be tempted in the Wilderness, to fast, to watch, to teach the Ignorant and to heal the Diseased; in thy whole Life to suffer continual Afflictions and Persecutions, and at length voluntarily to suffer Death upon the Cross, and all this for me, and such other wretched Creatures as myself.

The second Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus! when thou hadst eaten the Paschal Lamb, with thy dearly beloved Disciples, thou didst arise from Supper, gird thyself with a Towel, and pouring Water into a Basin, and kneeling down on thy Knees, didst humbly wash the Feet of thy Disciples, and wipe them with thy own Hands.

The third Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus! who, when the Time of thy Death approached, didst bequeath a most excellent Legacy to thy Children, leaving us thy most sacred Body to be our Meat, and thy most precious Blood to be our Drink.

No Wit can reach, no Understanding penetrate,
the bottomless Pit of this thy stupendous Charity.

The fourth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus ! when thou entered'st into the Garden of Olivet, thou began'st to fear and be heavy ; and thereupon said'st to thy Disciples *My Soul is sorrowful to Death* ; and then leaving them, thou kneeled'st down on the Ground, and falling prostrate on thy Face, prayed'st to thy Father, saying, *If it be possible let this Cup pass from me* ; and yet with perfect Submission thou wholly resigned'st thyself to him, saying, *Father, not my Will, but thine be done*. And at length, through painful Agony, thy afflicted and fainting Body sweat Drops of Blood.

The fifth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus ! thou, enflamed with an ineffable Desire of redeeming me, did'st go to meet thy Enemies, and suffered'st Judas the Traitor to give thee a Kiss, and thyself to be taken, bound with Cords, and led as a Malefactor, by the basest of the People, to Annas, where, with admirable Meekness, thou received'st a cruel Stroke on thy Face, which was most unjustly given thee by a vile Slave.

The sixth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus ! thou wert kept in Bonds, as if thou had'st been an infamous Malefactor, and in what Manner ignominiously led from Annas to the House of Caiaphas the High-Priest, where the Jews most unjustly accused thee, and, with barbarous Insolence, spit upon thy modest and amiable Face, buffeting thy Checks, and blindfolding thy Eyes, scornfully mocking, and maliciously affronting thee with innumerable Injuries, during the whole Night.

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The seventh Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus ! thou in the Morning wert brought to the Presence of Pilate, and, with a most sweet and humble Countenance, casting thy Eyes down, stood'st before him in the Judgment-Hall : And when thou wert most falsely calumniated by the Jews, many insolent Rebukes and Provocations being given thee, thou meekly held'st thy Peace, and patiently suffered'st their most utmost Outrages.

The eighth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus ! thou wert sent from Pilate to Herod ; he, out of a vain Curiosity, desirous to see some Miracle at thy Hands, asked many Things of thee, whilst the Jews still continued their Perverseness against thee : To which thy Meekness replied not a Word ; wherefore Herod and his whole Court despised thee, and in Scorn cloathed thee with a white Garment, and in that Manner sent thee back again to Pilate. O unspeakable Humility and Obedience ! At the Will of thy Enemies thou went'st forth, and returned'st again, and wert led up and down from Place to Place without gain-saying : Suffering them to do with thee whatsoever they would.

The ninth Meditations.

O Good and gracious Jesus ! thou, in the Judgment-Hall, wert stripped naked, and without any Compassion, most cruelly scourged. There was thy blessed virginal and tender Flesh cut with Whips, and torn with Stripes, wholly mangled and deformed, and the Streams of thy most precious Blood ran down on every Side upon the Ground.

The

The tenth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus! after thy sharp and bloody scourging, to put thee to more Shame and Confusion, as also to increase thy Torment, they cloathed thee with an old purple Garment, and platting a Crown of Thorns, pressed it on thy sacred Head, till the sharp Points pierced thy Temples, and thy most precious Blood ran down and cover'd thy Face and Neck. For afarther Derision, they gave thee a Reed for thy Sceptre, and kneeling down before thee in scorn, saluted thee, saying, *Hail King of the Jews;* and then taking the Reed out of thy Hand, they struck thy adorable Head therewith, and again spit upon thy Blessed Face.

The eleventh Meditation

O Good and gracious Jesus! thou wert brought forth by Pilate to the Jews, to be gazed on, wearing the Crown of Thorns and purple Garment, Pilate shewing thee to the People, and saying, *Behold the Man;* but they cried out with great Rage and insatiable Malice, *Crucify him, crucify him.*

The twelfth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus! thou wert delivered up to the Will and Pleasure of the Jews, who immediately led thee to be crucified, laying thy heavy Cross upon thy sore and bloody Shoulders. Thou carried'st this Cross with great Humility, enduring excessive Pain from the Weight thereof: And coming to the Place in which thou wert to suffer, weary, breathless, and fainting thro' Pain, thou refused'st not to taste Wine mingled with Gall and Myrrh, which was the only Relief thy enemies thought fit to give thee.

The thirteenth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesu! being come to Mount Calvary, thou wert again stripped naked, and thy Wounds were renewed by the violent pulling off thy Cloaths, which stuck to them. What bitter Pains did'st thou suffer, when thou wert fastened to the Cross with iron Nails, and the Joints of thy Hands were stretched as on a Rack! Oh! with what Love and Sweetness of Charity did'st thou offer thy Hands and Feet to be pierced through, that new Fountains of thy precious Blood might issue forth.

The fourteenth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus! when thou hang'dst on the Cross between two Thieves, most horrid Blasphemies were uttered against thee; whereas thou, after a long Continuance of thy Torments, prayed'st to thy Father to forgive thy Enemies; and even when their Fury was at the highest, thou shewed'st the greatest Bounty, promising Paradise to the repenting Thief, and beseeching thy dearly beloved Mother (who, pierced through with Grief, stood by the Cross) to thy beloved Disciple John, and in him to us all, to be our Mother. When thou had'st suffered most intolerable Pains for three whole Hours together, with extreme Thirst, they gave thee Vinegar to drink, which, as soon as thou had'st tasted, thou bowed'st down thy venerable Head, and yielded' st up thy Spirit.

The fifteenth Meditation.

O Good and gracious Jesus! O good Shepherd when thou had'st given thy Life for thy Sheep thou would'st even after Death still suffer for us and therefore thou permitted'st that the sacred Side of thy dear Body should be opened by a Spear

and send forth a Stream of Water and Blood. Thus at last ended all thy Sufferings; and thy Enemies, satiated with thy Blood, being gone away, thy Disciples came, and took down thy immaculate Body from the Cross, and laid it (as we may piously believe) on the Knees of thy blessed Mother, and after all imaginable Expressions of Piety, Reverence, and Love, they wrapped it up in fine Linnen, and laid it in a Sepulchre.

The Prayer.

O Mild and innocent Lamb of God, thus heartily thou did'st love me, these Things thou did'st for me, these Pains thou most patiently and lovingly suffered'st for me, what shall I render thee? I adore and glorify thee; I praise thee, and give thee Thanks, with all the Powers of my Soul. *Jesus*, Son of the living God, King of Kings, and Lord of Hosts! Hail most glorious Redeemer of our Souls, whose Death quickens, and gives Life to the World.

O blessed Saviour, have Mercy on me, for the Sake of thy Goodness; forgive all my Sins, destroy and mortify in me whatever displeaseth thee. Make me one according to thy Heart, and grant, hat, to the utmost of my Power, I may most diligently imitate thy holy Life.

O blessed Father of our Lord *JESUS CHRIST*, behold, I offer thee the most holy Incarnation, life, Passion, and Death of thy dearly beloved son in full Satisfaction for all our Sins, and for thy Grace in order to the perfect Amendment of our Lives. Grant, most merciful Father, for the Merits of this thy only begotten Son, to the Living Mercy and Grace, and to the Souls departed rest and everlasting Life. Amen.

DEVOUT ASPIRATIONS.

O Good Jesus, O gracious Jesus, O sweet Jesus,
O my Hope, my Refuge, and my Salvation!
have Mercy on me.

I am poor and weak, I am nothing, I have no-
thing, I know nothing, I can do nothing of my-
self, but Sin.

Help me, sweet Jesus, and be mindful to me,
who confess myself to be a most ungrateful Sinner,
and unworthy to live on the Earth. Verily it is
but right that every one should despise me.

Thy blessed Will, O Lord, be always done in
me and on me for ever. *Amen.*

Grant me, O good Lord, full Remission of all
my Sins, and wash me in thy precious Blood.
Grant me perfect Mortification, and Self-denial,
destroying in me my own Will, and the seeking
of myself. Grant me true Humility, perfect Pa-
tience, Charity, and Temperance. Grant me Pu-
rity, Simplicity, and Liberty of Mind, and a Will
exactly conformable to thine; that, adhering to
thee in all Things, I may be one according to thy
Heart's Desire.

O my Lord Jesus Christ! I most humbly thank
thee for those sacred Wounds which thou receiv-
ed'st on the Cross for my Sake. Hide me in them,
and print them deeply in my Heart; that I may
continually carry with me the Remembrance of
my Saviour, and every Day increase in the Love
of thee, and Compassion for thy Sufferings.

Grant that all Creatures may be of little Ac-
count with me, and that thou may'st be the Da-
light of my Soul, and my everlasting Joy.

O Jesu

O Jesus, the Life of my Soul, transform me, and make me anew; that nothing besides thee may live in me. Wound deeply my Heart with thy divine Love, that I may take no Pleasure but in thinking on, and doing of thy holy Will.

O My Lord and my God! O thou clear Light of my Soul! O my God, and All! What do I desire besides thee? Thou art the full Content of my Soul. Thou alone art able to satiate my Heart: When shall I ardently and most firmly love thee? When wilt thou totally overwhelm and ravish me with thy heavenly Joys? When wilt thou unite me closely and inseparably to thyself? O mercifully take away all Impediments, and make me one Spirit with thee, that I may eternally praise thy Name.

HAIL Mary, full of Grace, our Lord is with thee: Hail glorious Virgin, the blessed Mother of God, the most excellent Queen of Heaven, take Pity on me, and intercede for me to our Lord Jesus Christ.

HAIL dearly beloved of God, blessed Saint N. Hail, noble Spouse of Christ, holy Saint N. Hail, holy Angel of God, my faithful Keeper. Hail, all ye holy Saints and blessed Spirits, who are always filled with the continual Stream of heavenly Pleasures, have Pity on my Pilgrimage, and pray for me now, and at the Hour of my death.

O merciful Jesus, I beseech thee, by thy most sacred Passion and Death, grant to the Living mercy and Grace, and to the Dead Rest and everlasting Life. Amen.

*The short LITANY of our blessed Saviour
J E S U S.*



LORD have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Jesuſ receive our Prayers.

Lord Jesuſ grant our Petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the World, *Have
Mercy on us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, *Have
Mercy on us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfector of the Elect,
Have Mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesuſ, Son of the living God, Have Mercy on us.

*Jesuſ, the Brightness of thy Father's Glory, Have
Mercy on us.*

*Jesuſ, the beauteous Ray of eternal Light, Have
Mercy on us.*

*Jesuſ, the uncreated Wisdom, by whom all Things
are governed, Have Mercy on us.*

*Jesuſ, the eternal Word, made Man for our Re-
demption, Have Mercy on us.*

*Jesuſ, most blessed Son of the Virgin Mary, Have
Mercy on us.*

Jesuſ, most powerful, Have Mercy on us.

Jesuſ, most glorious, Have Mercy on us.

Jesuſ, most humble and meek, Have Mercy on us.

Jesuſ, most patient and obedient, Have Mercy on us.

Jesuſ, most chaste and holy, Have Mercy on us.

Jesuſ, Lover of Poverty, Have Mercy on us.

Jesuſ, Lover of Peace, Have Mercy on us.

Jesus, Lover of us ungrateful Sinners, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who camest down from Heaven to teach us, with thy own sacred Mouth, the Truths of Salvation, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who conversed'st so long on Earth, to shew us by thy own holy Example, the Way to Heaven, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who died'st even the Death of the Cross, to take off our Aversion from Suffering, and to teach us to endure all Things for everlasting Happiness, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, who did'st ascend into Heaven to confirm our Belief, and raise our Affections to the sure Joys of Eternity, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, Author of our Faith, and Finisher of our Hope, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, supreme Object of our Love, and overflowing Safety of all our Desires, *Have Mercy on us.*

Jesus, our God blessed for ever, *Have Mercy on us.*

Have Mercy, And spare us, O Jesus.

Have Mercy, And hear us, O Jesus.

From all Evil, Jesus deliver us.

From all Sin, Jesus deliver us.

From everlasting Death, Jesus deliver us.

By the Mystery of thy holy Incarnation and humble Nativity, Jesus deliver us.

By the Sanctity of thy heavenly Doctrine and miraculous Life, Jesus deliver us.

By the Merits of thy bitter Passion and all-reviving Death, Jesus deliver us.

By the Joys of thy victorious Resurrection and triumphant Ascension, Jesus deliver us.

By the Glory of thy eternal Kingdom, and incomprehensible Majesty, Jesus deliver us.

We Sinners, beseech thee, hear us.

That it may please thee to protect and govern thy holy Church, which thou hast purchased with thy precious Blood, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That looking continually on thy admirable Life, we may faithfully endeavour to follow thy Steps, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That denying all vicious and inordinate Inclinations, we may live soberly, justly, and piously, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thro' thy Love, the World may be crucified to us, and we to the World, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That whatever we ask in thy holy Name, we may receive thro' thy infinite Merits, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Spare us, O Jesus.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Hear us, O Jesus.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, *Have Mercy on us.*

Lord have Mercy on us.

Christ have Mercy on us.

Lord have Mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

The Antiphon.

EVERY Day we will repeat thy Perfections, O glorious Jesus! that every Day we may grow in the Esteem of thee. Every Day will we attentively compute thy Mercies, that every Day we may increase in thy Love.

Vers. All that we have, and are, we received from thy Grace. *Alleluia.*

Resp. All we desire, and hope, we expect in thy Glory. *Alleluia.*

Vers.

Vers. O Lord hear my Prayer.

Resp. And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

A Lmighty God, and most merciful Saviour, the Light of this World, and the Glory of the next, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to enlighten our Understandings, and enflame our Wills, and sanctify all the Faculties of our Souls, that, whilst with our Lips we recite these Prayers, we may inwardly with our Hearts adore thy Person, admire thy Goodness, and conform our Lives to thy holy Example; till, at length, by frequent Meditation on the Bliss thou hast prepared for us hereafter, we may break off our Affections from all irregular Adherence to this World, and place them entirely on the Enjoyment of thee; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, World without End. *Amen.*

THE Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and dwell in our Hearts for ever. *Amen.*

A LITANY, briefly commemorating the chief Articles of our blessed Redeemer's Life and Passion, called, The GOLDEN LITANY.



L ORD have mercy on us.

C hrist have Mercy on us.

L ord have Mercy on us.

G od the F ather A lmighty, C reator of H eaven and E arth, *H ave M ercy on u s.*

G od the S on, R edeemer of the W orld, *H ave M ercy on u s.*

God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of Mankind, *Have Mercy on us.*

O sacred Trinity of Persons in Unity of Essence, *Have Mercy on us.*

O blessed Jesus, very God and very Man, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy Power in creating Heaven and Earth, and all Things therein contained, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy Goodness in making Man to thy own Image and Likeness, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy Mercy in redeeming Man after his Fall, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy unspeakable Love, in making choice of the Virgin Mary for thy Mother, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the ineffable Mystery of thy Incarnation, whereby thou vouchsafed'st to unite thy divine Person to our Frail Nature, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy immaculate Conception, and thy nine Months Imprisonment within the sacred Virgin's Body, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy blessed Birth in the poor Stable at Bethlehem, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the Hunger, Cold, and other Inconveniences thy tender Body endured, being laid in the Crib between an Ox and an Ass, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy painful Circumcision the eighth Day after thy Birth, when thou began'st the Shedding of thy precious Blood for our Sake, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the blessed Name JESUS, which was then given thee, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the mystical Offerings of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, presented unto thee by the wise Men, whom by a miraculous Star, thou summoned'st out of the East to adore thee in thy Infancy, *Have Mercy on us.*

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By the Oblation of thyself to thy eternal Father in the Temple, where thou wert acknowledg'd by *Simeon* and *Anne*, and ransom'd by thy poor Virgin-Mother with a Pair of Pigeons, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy Flight into *Egypt*, for the avoiding of King *Herod's* Cruelty, and by all thou suffered'st there with thy Mother and St. *Joseph*, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy Return from thence to *Nazareth*, and the humble Obedience thou did'st there render to thy Parents, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy being lost by thy Parents in *Jerusalem*, where after three Days thou wert found by them, sitting amidst the Doctors, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the secret and hidden Life thou led'st in *Nazareth*, with holy *Mary* and *Joseph*, from the twelfth Year of thy Age to the thirtieth, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy humble receiving of Baptism at the Hands of *John*, in the River *Jordan*, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy forty Days fasting in the Desart, and the three Temptations of the Devil, which there thou did'st endure and overcome, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy first Miracle of turning Water into Wine, at the Marriage Feast of *Cana*, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the Zeal thou shewed'st of thy eternal Father's Honour, in casting the Buyers and Sellers out of the Temple, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy humble condescending to discourse with the *Samaritan* Woman, sitting at the Fountain, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy exceeding great Charity in healing the Lord's Son of *Capernaum*, *Simon Peter's* Mother-in-Law, and a Multitude of infirm Persons, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the Power thou shewed'st in appeasing the Tempest at Sea, walking on the Water, and enabling *Peter* to do the same, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy efficacious Calling of *Peter* and *Andrew*, *James* and *John*, from their Boats, and *Matthew* from the Receipt of Custom, to follow thee, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy chusing twelve Apostles, to whom thou madest that divine Sermon on the Mount, which contains the Pattern of a perfect Christian Life, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the Mercy thou shewed'st the penitent *Magdal-
en*, preferring her before the Pharisee, and par-
doning her Sins, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy sending thy twelve Apostles to preach thy holy Gospel to the People, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy miraculous feeding five thousand Persons with five Loaves of Bread, and four thousand with seven Loaves, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy Appointment of *Peter* to be the Rock on which thou would'st build thy Church, for his having confessed thee to be *Christ*, the Son of the living God, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy glorious Transfiguration upon the high and holy Mount *Thabor*, three of thy Disciples being present, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy teaching us the Force and Virtue of Prayer, and giving us an exact Form thereof, in the Divine *Our Father*, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the inflamed Desire thou had'st to redeem Mankind, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy meek and humble Entrance into *Jerusa-
lem* on *Palm-Sunday*, riding on an Ass, *Have
Mercy on us.*

By thy humble washing the Feet of thy Disciples, and even those of *Judas* the Traitor, *Have
Mercy on us.*

By

By thy unspeakable Love shewn in the Institution
of the Sacrifice and Sacrament of thy most
precious Body and Blood, *Have Mercy on us.*

By that Prayer, which thou repeated'st thrice in
the Garden, near Mount Olivet, when a Sweat
of Blood trickled down thy Body in a most
bitter Agony, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy condescending to admit a Kiss from the
Mouth of wicked *Judas*, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy being taken, bound, and brought before
the Tribunals of *Annas* and *Caiphas*, *Have
Mercy on us.*

By the Blows, Buffets, and all other approbrious
Usage thou patiently endured'st all the Night,
Have Mercy on us.

By thy being presented to the *Pagan Judge Pon-*
tius Pilate, in the Quality of a notorious Cri-
minal, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy being sent by him to King *Herod*, and by
the Scorn wherewith he and his Army treated
thee, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy cruel and contumelious Whipping, which
thou endured'st at the Pillar, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the barbarous Clamours of the People, to have
the Murderer *Barabbas* pardoned, and innocent
Jesus put to Death, *Have Mercy on us.*

By all the false Accusations, suborned Witnesses
and slanderous Lies brought against thee by the
Jews, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the shameful plucking off thy Cloaths, and
exposing thy naked Body to the View of the
Multitude, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the pressing of the sharp Crown of Thorns on
thy sacred Head, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy being cloathed in a purple Garment, and
having a Reed put into thy Hand for a Sceptre,
being

being exposed to Derision as a mock King,
Have Mercy on us.

By the scoffing Salutations, Genuflexions, and
scornful Adorations, whereby thou wert mock-
ed by the Jews and Soldiers, *Have mercy on us.*

By their spitting on thy Divine Face, and striking
thy sacred Head, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy being brought forth to the People in such
a lamentable Posture, Pilate saying, Behold the
Man, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the horrid Clamours of the Jews, and their
often repeated Vociferations of, Away with him,
Crucify him, *Have Mercy on us.*

By that Patience wherewith thou heard'st the
Sentence of Death pronounced against thyself,
Have Mercy on us.

By thy carrying thy own heavy Cross on thy
Shoulders to Mount Calvary, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the cruel Racking, and most painful Stretch-
ing of thy whole Body upon the Cross, and
the nailing of thy Hands and Feet to it, *Have
Mercy on us.*

By the Compassion thou had'st of thy sorrowful
Mother and St. John, standing at the Foot of
the Cross, *Have Mercy on us.*

By thy great Charity in praying for thy Persecu-
tors and Murderers, and promising thy Paradise
to the penitent Thief, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the Seven last Speeches thou uttered'st during
the three Hours that thou hanged'st on the
Cross, *Have Mercy on us.*

By the vehement Thirst thou then suffered'st,
and the Gall and Vinegar thou drankest,
Have Mercy on us.

By thy last Agony, in which thou breathed'st
forth thy blessed Soul into the Hands of thy
heavenly

heavenly Father, *Have Mercy on us.*
By the opening of thy Side with a Lance, and
the Blood and Water issuing out of it, *Have
Mercy on us.*
By the Descent of thy separated Soul into *Limbus Patrum*, to conquer the Devils, and free
the ancient Fathers, *Have Mercy on us.*
By the taking down thy dead Body from the
Cross, by *Joseph* and *Nicodemus*, in order to its
Burial, *Have Mercy on us.*
By thy glorious Resurrection from Death to Life
on the third Day, *Have Mercy on us.*
By thy frequent appearing to thy blessed Mother,
to *Mary Magdalen*, to *Peter*, and to the Apostles,
comforting and confirming them during
the Space of forty Days, *Have Mercy on us.*
By thy admirable Ascension into Heaven, in the
View of thy sacred Mother and thy Disciples,
Have Mercy on us.
By the miraculous Desent of the Holy Ghost in
the Form of fiery Tongues upon thy Apostles,
Have Mercy on us.
By all thou didst either act or suffer, during thy
thirty-three Years sojourning amongst Men,
and by all that is pleasing to thy Divine Ma-
jesty in Heaven and Earth, *Have Mercy on us.*
Vers. O Lord, graciously hear our Prayers.
Resp. And let our Cries come to thee.
Let us pray.
Vouchsafe, O Almighty and All-merciful Cre-
ator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, to have Com-
passion on us, and on all those who shall humbly
present these Petitions to the Throne of thy Mer-
cy, in Commemoration of thy sacred Life and
bitter Passion. And we beseech thee, for thy own
dear Sake, grant to us, our Friends and Benefac-
tors,

tors, and to all those for whom we intend, and are any ways bound to pray, the Pardon of past Offences, and Preservation from future Failings; that, serving thee faithfully, loving thee fervently, and obeying thee perseverantly, during the whole Remainder of our earthly Pilgrimage, we may come to enjoy thy beautifying Presence for all Eternity in thy heavenly Paradise. *Amen.*

TH E Blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be upon us, and remain with us all for evermore. *Amen.*

THE
JESUS PSALTER.

Acts iv. 12.

*There is no other Name under Heaven given to Men,
in which we may be saved.*

An ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Psalters now in Use amongst devout Christians are three. The first is David's, which contains thrice fifty Psalms: The second is that of our blessed Lady, commonly called the Rosary or Beads, composed of thrice fifty Aves: The third is the Psalter or Invocation of JESUS, which consisting of fifteen Petitions, and the glorious NAME of JESUS, being to be repeated ten Times before each of them, the Repetition is likewise made thrice fifty Times.

It may be said, as the Rosary, either all at once, or at thrice (which perhaps will be better) according to the Persons Devotion and Leisure; forasmuch as

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this sacred NAME is not to be repeated over hastily,
but with great Reverence and Attention.

You must begin with a devout Genuflexion or Bowing
at the adorable NAME of JESUS, saying:

P A R T I.

Phil. ii. 10, 11.

IN the Name of Jesus let every Knee bow, of Things in Heaven, of Things on Earth, and of Things under the Earth: And let every Tongue confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ is in the Glory of God the Father.

First Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } have Mercy on us.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, have Mercy on me, O God of Compassion, and forgive the many and great Offences I have committed in thy Sight.

Many have been the Follies of my Life, and great are the Miseries I have deserved for my Ingratitude.

Have Mercy on me, dear Jesus, for I am weak: O Lord help me, who am unable to help myself.

Deliver me from setting my Heart upon any of thy Creatures which may divert my Eyes from continually looking up to thee.

Grant me Grace henceforth, for the Love of thee, to hate Sin; and, out of a just Esteem of thee, to despise all worldly Vanities.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, O Jesus, I beseech thee; turn their Vices into Virtues, and making them true Observers of thy Law, and sincere Lovers of thee, bring them to Bliss in everlasting Glory.

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Have Mercy also on the Souls in Purgatory, for thy bitter Passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious Name *Jesu*.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have Mercy on me.

Our Father, &c. Hail *Mary*, &c.

Second Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } help me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, help me to overcome all Temptation to Sin, and the Malice of my ghostly Enemy.

Help me to spend my Time in virtuous Actions, and in such Labours as are acceptable to thee.

To resist and repress the Motions of my Flesh, in Sloth, Gluttony, and Carnality.

To render my Heart enamour'd of Virtue, and inflamed with Desires of thy glorious Presence.

Help me to deserve and keep a good Name, by a peaceful and pious Living, to thy Honour, *Jesu*, my own Comfort, and the Benefit of others.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail *Mary*, &c.

Third Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } strengthen me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, strengthen me in Soul and Body, to please thee in executing such Works of Virtue as may bring me to thy everlasting Joy and Felicity.

Grant me a firm Purpose, most merciful Saviour to amend my Life, and recompense for the Years past.

Those Years which I have mis-spent, to thy Displeasure, in vain or wicked Thoughts, Words, Deeds and evil Customs. Make

Make my Heart obedient to thy Will, and ready for thy Love, to perform all the Works of Mercy.

Grant me the Gifts of the Holy Ghost, which through a virtuous Life, and a devout frequenting of most thy Holy Sacraments, may at length bring me to thy heavenly Kingdom.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Fourth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } comfort me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } comfort me.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } comfort me.

JESUS, comfort me, and give me Grace to place my chief, my only Joy and Felicity in thee.

Send me heavenly Meditations, spiritual Sweetnesses, and fervent Desires of thy Glory : Ravish my Soul with the Contemplation of Heaven, where I shall everlastinglly dwell with thee.

Bring often to my Remembrance thy unspeakable Goodness, thy Gifts and the great Kindness which thou hast shewn to me.

And when thou bringest to Mind the sad Remembrance of my Sins whereby I have so ungratefully offended thee.

Comfort me with the Assurance of obtaining thy Grace, by the Spirit of perfect Penance, which may purge away my Guilt, and prepare me for thy Kingdom.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Fifth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } make me constant.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } make me constant.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } make me constant.

JESUS,

JESUS, make me constant in Faith, Hope and Charity, giving me a Perseverance in all Virtue and a Resolution never to offend thee.

Let the Memory of thy Passion, and of those bitter Pains thou suffered'st for me, strengthen my Patience, and recreate me in all Tribulation and Adversity.

Let me always hold fast the Doctrines of thy Catholick Church; and render me a diligent Frequenter of all holy Duties.

Let no false Delight of this deceitful World blind me, no fleshly Temptation or Fraud of the Devil shake my Heart.

My Heart, which has for ever set up its Rest in thee, and resolved to undervalue all for thy eternal Reward.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, O Jesus, I beseech thee; turn their Vices into Virtues, and making them true Observers of thy Law, and sincere Lovers of thee, bring them to Blis in everlasting Glory.

Have Mercy also on the Souls in Purgatory, for thy bitter Passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious Name Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have Mercy on me.

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, being made obedient unto Death, even the Death of the Cross, Phil. ii. 8.

Hear these my Petitions, O my most merciful Saviour, and grant me thy Grace so frequently to repeat and consider them, that they may prove easy Steps, whereby my Soul may climb up to the Knowledge, Love, and Performance of my Duty to thee, and my Neighbours, thro' the whole Course of my Life. Amen.

Our

Our Father, &c. Hail *Mary*, &c. I believe
in God, &c.

P A R T II.

Begin as before, saying,

I N the Name of *Jesus*, let every Knee bow,
&c.

Sixth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } enlighten me with spi-
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } ritual Wisdom.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

J E S U S, enlighten me with spiritual Wisdom,
J to know thy Goodness, and all those Things
which are most acceptable to thee.

Grant me a clear Apprehension of my only
Good, and a Discretion to order my Life accord-
ing to it.

Grant that I may wisely proceed from Virtue
to Virtue, till at length I arrive unto the clear
Vision of thy glorious Majesty.

Permit me not, dear Lord, to return to those
Sins for which I have sorrowed and of which
I have purged myself by Confession.

Grant me Grace to benefit the Souls of others
by my good Example, and to reduce those, by
good Counsel, who misbehave themselves to-
wards me.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, O *Jesus*, I beseech
thee! turn their Vices into Virtues, and making
them true Observers of thy Law, and sincere Lo-
vers of thee, bring them to Bliss in everlasting
Glory.

Have Mercy also on all the Souls in Purgatory,
for thy bitter Passion, I beseech thee, and for thy
glorious Name *Jesus*.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have Mer-
cy on me.

Our Father, &c. Hail *Mary*, &c. *Seventh*

Seventh Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me Grace to fear
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } thee.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, grant me Grace inwardly to fear thee,
 and to avoid all Occasions of offending thee.

Let thy Threats of the Torments which are to
 fall on Sinners, the dread of losing thy Love, and
 thy heavenly Inheritance, always keep me in Awe.

Let me not dare to remain in Sin, but return
 soon to Repentance, lest through thy Anger the
 dreadful Sentence of endless Death and Damna-
 tion fall upon me.

Let the powerful Intercession of thy blessed
 Mother, and all the Saints; but, above all, thy
 own Merits and Mercy, O my Saviour, ever be
 between thy revenging Justice, and my poor Soul.

Enable me, O my God, to work out my Sal-
 vation with Fear and Trembling; and let the
 Apprehension of thy secret Judgments render me
 a more humble and diligent Suitor at the Throne
 of thy Grace.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Eighth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me Grace to love
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } thee.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, grant me Grace truly to love thee for
 thy infinite Goodness, and those excessive
 Bounties I have, and hope for ever to receive
 from thee.

Let the Remembrance of thy Kindness and
 Patience, conquer the Malice and wretched In-
 clinations of my perverse Nature.

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Let the Consideration of my many Deliverances, thy frequent Calls, and continual Assurances in the ways of Life, make me ashamed of my Ingratitude.

And what dost thou require of me for all thy Mercies, or by them, but to love thee? And why dost thou require it, because thou art my only Good?

O my dear Lord! my whole Life shall be nothing but a Desire of thee; and because I indeed love thee, I will most diligently keep thy Commandments.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Ninth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me Grace to re-
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } member my Death.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, grant me Grace always to remember my Death, and the great Account I am then to give; that so my Soul being always well disposed, it may depart out of this World in thy Grace.

Then by the Holy Intercession of thy blessed Mother, and the Assistance of the glorious St. Michael, deliver me from the Enemy of my Soul; and thou, my good Angel, I beseech thee to help me at that most important Hour.

Then, dear Jesus, remember thy Mercy, and turn not thy most amiable Face away from me because of my Offences.

Secure me against the Terrors of that Day, by causing me now to die daily to all earthly Things, and to have Conversation continually in Heaven.

Let the Remembrance of thy Death teach me how to esteem my Life; and the Memory of thy Resur-

Resurrection encourage me to descend chearfully
into the Grave.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Tenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } send me here my Pur-
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } gatory.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

JESUS, send me here my Purgatory, and so
prevent the Torments of that cleansing Fire,
which attends those Souls in the next World, that
have not been sufficiently purged in this.

Vouchsafe to grant me those merciful Crosses
and Afflictions, which thou seest necessary for the
taking off my Affections from all Things here
below.

Since none can see thee that loves any Thing
which is not for thy Sake, suffer not my Heart to
find any Rest here but in sithing after thee.

Too bitter, alas ! will be the Anguish of a Soul
which is separated from thee ; which desires, but
cannot come to thee, being clogg'd with the
heavy Chains of Sin.

Here then, O Saviour, keep me continually mor-
tified to this World ; that, being purged through-
ly with the Fire of thy Love, I may immediately
pass from hence into thy everlasting Possessions.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, O Jesus, I beseech
thee ; turn their Vices into Virtues, and making
them true Observers of thy Law, and sincere Lo-
vers of thee, bring them to Bliss in everlasting
Glory.

Have Mercy on all the Souls in Purgatory, for
thy bitter Passion, I beseech thee, and for thy
glorious Name Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have Mer-
cy on me. Our

Our Lord Jesus Christ bumbled himself; being made obedient unto Death, even the Death of the Cross, Phil. ii. 8.

Hear these my Petitions, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.

P A R T III.

Begin as before, saying,

IN the Name of Jesus, let every Knee bow,
&c.

Eleventh Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me Grace to a-
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } void ill Company.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, grant me Grace to avoid ill Company; or, if I chance to come among such, I beseech thee, by the Merits of thy uncorrupt Conversation amongst Sinners, preserve me from being overcome by any Temptations to mortal Sin.

Cause me, O blessed Lord, to remember always with Dread, that thou art present, and hearest; who wilt take an Account of all our Words and Actions, and wilt judge us according to them.

How dare I then converse with Slanderers, Liars, Drunkards, or Swearers; or with such whose Discourse is either quarrelsome, dissolute or vain?

Repress in me, dear Jesus, all inordinate Affections to carnal Pleasure, and to the Delight of Taste, granting me the Grace to avoid such Company as would blow the Fire of those unruly Appetites.

Thy Power defend, thy Wisdom direct, thy fatherly Pity chastise me, and make me live so

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here amongst Men, that I may be fit for the Conversation of Angels hereafter.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Twelfth Petition.

Jesuſ, Jesuſ, Jesuſ, } grant me Grace to call
Jesuſ, Jesuſ, Jesuſ, } on thee for Help.
Jesuſ, Jesuſ, Jesuſ,

JESUſ, grant me Grace in all my Necessities
to call on thee for Help, faithfully remem-
bering thy Death and Resurrection for me.

Wilt thou be deaf to my Cries, that wouldſt
lay down my Life for my Ransom? Or canſt
thou not ſave me, that couldſt take it up again
for my Crown?

Whom have I in Heaven, but thee, O my
Jesuſ? whose blessed Mouth has pronounced,
*Call upon me in the Day of Trouble, and I will
deliver thee.*

Thou art my ſure Rock of Defence againſt all
ſorts of Enemies, thou art my ready Grace, able
to strengthen me to every good Work.

Therefore, in all my Sufferings, in all my
Weakneſſes and Temptations, I will confidently
call on thee: Hear me, O my Jesuſ, and when
thou hearest, Have Mercy.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Thirteenth Petition.

Jesuſ, Jesuſ, Jesuſ, } make me perſevere in
Jesuſ, Jesuſ, Jesuſ, } Virtue.
Jesuſ, Jesuſ, Jesuſ,

JESUſ, make me perſevere in Virtue and a
good Life, and never give over thy Service,
till thou bringest me to my Reward in thy King-
dom.

In all pious Customs and holy Duties, in my honest and necessary Employments, continue and strengthen, O Lord, both my Soul and Body.

Is my Life any thing but a Pilgrimage on Earth towards the new *Jerusalem*, to which he that sits down, or turns out of the Way, can never arrive?

O Jesus, make me always consider thy blessed Example; through how much Pains, and how little Pleasure, thou pressed'st on to a bitter Death; that being the Way to a glorious Resurrection.

Make me, O my Redeemer, seriously weigh those severe Words of thine, that he only that perseveres to the End shall be saved.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Fourteenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me Grace to fix
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } my Mind on thee.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, grant me Grace to fix my Mind on thee, especially in Time of Prayer, when I directly converse with thee.

Stop the Fancies of my wandering Head, the Desires of my unsteady Heart; and suppress the Power of my spiritual Enemies, who endeavour at that Time to draw my Mind from heavenly Thoughts to many vain Imaginations.

So shall I, with Joy and Gratitude, look on thee as my Deliverer from all the Evils I have escaped, and as my Benefactor for all the Good have ever received, or can hope.

I shall see that thou thyself art my only Good, and that all other Things are but Means ordain'd by thee, to make me fix my Mind on thee, to

make me love thee more, and, by loving thee, to be eternally happy.

O beloved of my Soul, take up all my Thoughts here ; that my Eyes abstaining from all vain and hurtful Sights, may become worthy to behold thee Face to Face, in thy Glory, for ever.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Fifteenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } give me Grace to order
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } my Life with Reference
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } to my eternal Welfare.

JE S U S , give me Grace to order my Life with Reference to my eternal Welfare, heartily intending, and wisely designing all the Operations of my Body and Soul, for the obtaining the Reward of thy infinite Bliss and eternal Felicity.

For what else is this World but a School to breed up Souls, and fit them for the other ? And how are they fitted, but by an eager Desire of enjoying God, their only End.

Break my foward Spirit, O *Jesus* ; make it humble and obedient. Grant me Grace to depart hence with a Contempt of this World, and a Heart filled with Joy at my going to thee.

Let the Memory of thy Passion make me chearfully undergo all Temptations or Sufferings here for thy Love ; whilst my Soul breathes after that blisful Life, and immortal Glory which thou hast ordained in Heaven for thy Servants.

O *Jesus*, let me frequently and attentively consider, that whatsoever I gain, if I loose thee, all is lost ; and whatsoever I lose, if I gain thee all is gained.

Have Mercy on all Sinners, &c.

Our

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, being made obedient unto Death, even the Death of the Cross, Phil. ii. 8.

Hear these my Petitions, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.

The short LITANY of the Blessed VIRGIN.



LO R D, have Mercy on us.

Christ, have Mercy on us.

Lord, have Mercy on us.

Jesus, receive our Prayers.

Lord Jesus, grant our Petitions.

O God the Father, Creator, of the World,
Have Mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind,
Have Mercy on us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect,
Have Mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have Mercy on us.*

Holy *Mary,*

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

Daughter of the eternal Father,

Mother of the eternal Son,

Spouse of the eternal Spirit,

Tabernacle of the glorious Trinity,

Mother of Jesus,

Mother of the Messias,

Mother of the Desired of all Nations,

Mother of the Prince of Peace,

Mother of the King of Heaven,

Mother of our Creator,

Pray for us.

Mother

Mother of our Saviour,
Mother and Virgin,
Virgin most chaste and spotless,
Virgin most mild and merciful,
Virgin most prudent and faithful,
Virgin most miraculously fruitful,
Ever-Virgin,
Root of the Tree of Life,
Source of the Fountain of Grace,
Dawn of the Sun of Glory,
Blessed among Women,
Blessed among the Children of Men,
Blessed through all Generations,
Mirror of Humility and Obedience,
Mirror of Patience and Resignation,
Mirror of Modesty, Silence, and Retirement,
Mirror of Wisdom, Devotion, and Sanctity,
Mirror of Faith, Hope, and Charity,
Mirror of all Virtues,
Refuge of Sinners,
Comfort of the Afflicted,
Advocate of all Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs and Prophets,
Queen of Apostles and Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors and Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the
World, *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the
World, *Hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the
World, *Have Mercy on us.*
Lord, have Mercy on us.
Christ, have Mercy on us.
Lord, have Mercy on us.
Our Father, &c.

The Antiphon.

Wonderful art thou, O God, in all thy Saints, but incomparably more in the Mother of thy Son; who, remaining a Virgin, brought forth the Saviour of the World, and living humbly in this our low Earth, is now exalted above the highest Seraphims.

Vers. Rejoice, O my Soul, in the Glory of the blessed Virgin Mother. *Alleluia.*

Resp. By the Fruit of whose Womb we are regenerated to eternal Life. *Alleluia.*

Vers. O Lord, hear my Prayer.

And let my Cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Grace into our Hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the Message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the Glory of his Resurrection: Thro' the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End. *Amen.*

TH E Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be with us, and dwell in our Hearts for ever. *Amen.*

The LITANY of our Blessed Lady of Loretto; so called, because it is usually sung in that sacred Church of Loretto, on all Saturdays in the Year, and Festivals of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ANTHEM. **W**E fly under your Protection, O Holy Mother of God! Despise not our Prayers in our Necessities, but ever deliver us from all Dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord, have Mercy on us.

Christ, have Mercy on us.

Lord, have Mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us..

God the Father of Heaven, *Have Mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *Have
Mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *Have Mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have Mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

Mother of *Christ*,

Mother of Divine Grace,

Most pure Mother,

Most chaste Mother,

Undefiled Mother,

Untouch'd Mother,

Amiable Mother,

Admirable Mother,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Redeemer,

Most prudent Virgin,

Venerable Virgin,

Renowned Virgin,

Powerful Virgin,

Merciful Virgin,

Faithful Virgin,

Mirror of Justice,

Seat of Wisdom,

Cause of our Joy,

Spiritual Vessel,

Honourable Vessel,

Vessel of singular Devotion,

Mystical Rose,

Pray for us.

Tower

Tower of David,
Tower of Ivory,
House of Gold,
Ark of the Covenant,
Gate of Heaven,
Morning Star,
Health of the Weak,
Refuge of Sinners,
Comfort of the Afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the Sins of the
World, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the Sins of the
World, *Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the Sins of the
World, *Have Mercy on us.*

ANTHEM. **W**E fly under your Protection, O
Holy Mother of God ! Despise
not our Prayers in our Necessities, but ever deliver
us from all Dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Vers. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

Repf. That we may be made worthy of the
Promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

OUR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy
Grace into our Hearts, that we, to whom the
incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known.

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by the Message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the Glory of his Resurrection: Thro' the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vers. May the Divine Assistance remain always with us.

Resp. Amen.

Vers. And may the Souls of the Faithful, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace.

Resp. Amen.

The Manner of hearing MASS.

1. *W*HEN you are going to hear Mass, let your first Care be to endeavour to recollect yourself as well as you can, by calling Home your wandering Thoughts, and taking them off from all other Business and Concerns. Imagine that you hear within you the sweet Voice of your Saviour, inviting you to come to his Sacrifice, and unite yourself to him.

2. In your Way to the Church or Chapel, put yourself in Spirit in Company of the blessed Virgin, and the pious Women, going to Mount Calvary, to be present at the Passion and Death of our Lord. Represent your Saviour as carrying his Cross before you, to be immolated thereon for your Sins; and bewail these Sins of yours as the Causes of all his Sufferings.

3. When you enter the Church or Chapel, humble yourself profoundly in the Presence of God; and if the blessed Sacrament be kept there, adore your Saviour on your bended Knees: At taking of holy Water, make the Sign of the Cross on yourself, beg Pardon for your Sins, and humbly crave that you may be washed and cleansed from them by the Blood of the Lamb of God.

4. Then kneeling down represent to yourself, by a lively Faith, the Majesty of God, and humbly beg his Mercy

Mercy and Grace, that you may assist at this tremendous Sacrifice in the Manner you ought.

5. Propose to yourself the Intention for which you desire to offer up to God, by the Hand of the Priest, this great Sacrifice, viz. 1. To commemorate and celebrate the Death and Passion, Resurrection and Ascension, of the Son of God. 2. To render to the Divine Majesty, with, and through Jesus Christ, the sovereign Homage of Adoration, Glory and Praise. 3. To give him Thanks for your Redemption, and all other Benefits bestowed on you, and on the whole Church of Heaven and Earth; especially on Jesus Christ himself, in his Humanity. 4. For obtaining Mercy and Pardon of Sins, for yourself, and for all the Faithful, living and dead; through the Blood of Christ. 5. For obtaining all Graces and Blessings, for yourself and all the World, especially such as you stand most in Need of.

6. Unite yourself to Jesus Christ, the invisible Priest, in and through this Sacrifice; join your Adoration, Thanksgiving, and Prayer with his, and make a total Offering of your Soul and Body to the Father, in Union with the Oblation of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and thro' his Hands.

When you go into the Church, say,

1. O Lord, in the Multitude of thy Mercies I will enter thy House, and adore thee in thy holy Temple, and confess to thy Name.

When you take holy Water, say,

2. Sprinkle me, O Lord, with Hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Wash me, and I shall be made whiter than Snow.

P R A Y E R S before MASS.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, to thee all the happy Company of the celestial City, all the blessed Orders of holy Spirits, sing continually Glory and everlasting Praise. To thee, O Lord, all thy glorified Saints offer the just Tribute of Honour and Adoration ; nor is there any Creature that can, according to thy Worth, give thee sufficient Praise. For thou art the unspeakable, incomprehensible, and everlasting Goodness. Thou, O Lord, hast made me ; thou hast, thro' the Merits of the bitter Passion of thy most beloved Son, restored me to the State of Salvation. To thee only is due all the Praise and Honour, if any the least Good be found in me. O, my glorious Lord, I, a miserable Sinner, the Work of thy Hands, desire to give thee Praise with all my Mind, and with my whole Heart ; but without thy special Grace I find my-self unable for the least Performance. Wherefore I come to thee, my God, my Life, and my Strength, my Hope and only Comfort, craving thy merciful Assistance, that I may be enabled to praise thee.

Grant me thy Grace that my Mouth may speak, and my Heart study thy Glory. Oh ! let my Tongue be employed wholly in declaring thy Excellencies. But because all Praise in a Sinner's Mouth is unworthy of thee, sanctify me, most mighty Lord and Saviour, both inwardly and outwardly, that with Heart and Voice I may worthily praise thee.

O Almighty God, inspire thou my Soul, that I may continually give Thanks to thee, and honour

nour thee for ever. Grant me Grace, O Lord, so to praise and glorify thee in this Pilgrimage, and Vale of Misery, that through thy Mercy I may be associated to their holy Fellowship, who see thee everlasting, and sing Praises to thee, World without End. *Amen.*

O Most indulgent Father of Mercies, and God of all Consolation; who didst not only once give us thy Blessed Son to die upon the Cross for our Redemption, but wouldst have this Oblation to be daily renewed in the Church, to revive in us daily the Memory of thy Love. Grant us, we beseech thee, so attentively and reverently to be present at this adorable Mystery, that our Hearts being set on Fire with the Contemplation of so great a Love, we may come at length to be united with thee in perfect Charity: Through *Jesus Christ* our Lord, &c.

O Most powerful and loving Lord! the great Desire thou hast of our Salvation, was that which moved thee to appoint us this Divine Sacrifice of the Mass. For thou wert not content that thy Son, having once offered himself upon the Cross for our Sins, should appear before thee in our Behalf in the Sanctuary of Heaven only, where he lives always to plead for us, as our Mediator, but wouldst also have him to be daily offered to thee on Earth by the Function of Priests, for the Expiation of our Sins, covered under the Appearances of Bread and Wine, and in a Manner more proportionable to our Weakness: Yet in both Places he is the same *Jesus Christ* thy Son; whose Divine Presence is the Joy of the Blessed in Heaven, and the Hope of us Sinners on Earth.

This Mystery, most mighty Lord, far surpasseth all human Capacity. But yet it is most easy to be believed

believed by those on whom thou bestowest the Gift of Faith, it being no ways unreasonable to believe that thou O Lord, art able to do more than we are able to understand.

For my own Part, O Lord, I believe, (through thy gracious Goodness) plainly and sincerely, whatever thy Catholick and Apostolic Church teacheth me touching this, or any other of thy most Divine Mysteries and Doctrines. I learn from her, that thy Son has declared his Body and Blood to be really contained in this most holy Sacrament, as well as that at the same Time it remains on thy Right-hand in Heaven; and therefore I believe them both most assuredly, and the one as firmly as the other; since both are equally the Will and Work of the Almighty Word, God and Man.

I believe these mysterious Truths, however incomprehensible to my Senses and Reason, and depend onely on thy divine and inexplicable Omnipotence. For as thou madest all Things of nothing, so thou canst alter and dispose all Things at thy Will and Pleasure.

Now therefore, I beseech thee, most omnipotent God, drive away all Distractions and wicked Thoughts out of my Mind, that I may attend on the celebration of this heavenly Mystery with Fear and humble Reverence. Sanctify, I beseech thee, the Spirit of thy Servant, who is about to present himself before thee, for the offering up of this Divine Sacrifice, that he may do it as he ought, to thy Honour and Glory, to his own Benefit, and for the Good of all Mankind. Give me Grace, that by the Reverend Ceremonies which are here to be used, I may be put in Mind of our Lord's most sacred Passion, which they represent, and adore him in this glorious Sacrament, with sovereign Honour,

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and most profound Humility. This, by thy Grace,
I purpose; this, by thy Grace, I hope to perform.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to accept the blessed Body
and Blood of our Saviour, thy Son, *Jesus Christ*, of-
fered to thee in this Sacrifice, for our Salvation, and
for that of all thy Faithful spread over the whole
World. Incline thy Ears, O Lord, to the Prayers
of thy afflicted Flock, and mercifully restore thy
true Religion where it is wanting. Open the Eyes
of the Blind, and make them know their Error;
And vouchsafe, through the Virtue of this Sacrifice,
to relieve all those who are sick, or in Captivity, or
labour under any other Distress. Give Grace to
the Living, and a perpetual Place of Rest and Quiet
to those who are departed in thy Faith, for the
Merits of our only Saviour, thy Son *Jesus Christ*;
to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one
God, be all Glory, Praise, and Sovereignty, for
ever. Amen.

At the Beginning of the Mass.

O Almighty Lord of Heaven and Earth, behold
I, a wretched Sinner, presume to appear be-
fore thee this Day, to offer up to thee by the
Hands of this thy Servant, and by the Hands of
our High-Priest *Jesus Christ* thy Son, the Sacrifice
of his Body and Blood, in Union with that Sacri-
fice which he offered thee on the Cross. 1st. For
thy own Honour, Praise, Adoration and Glory.
2dly. In Remembrance of his Death and Passion.
3dly. In Thanksgiving for thy Blessings bestowed
on him, and his whole Church, whether Trium-
phant in Heaven, or militant on Earth, especially
for those bestowed on me the most unworthy of all.
4thly. For obtaining Pardon and Remission of all
my Sins, and of those of all others, whether Liv-
ing or Dead, for whom I ought to pray. And
lastly,

lastly, for obtaining all Graces and Blessings, both for myself and for thy whole Church. O be thou pleased to assist me in such a Manner by thy Grace, that I may behave myself this Day as I ought to do in thy Divine Presence, and that I may so commemorate the Death and Paffion of thy Son, as to partake most plentifully of the Fruits of it. Thro' the same *Jesus Christ* thy Son. Amen.

At the Confiteor.

I Confess before thee, O Lord God Almighty, all the Iniquities of my Life. I acknowledge, that I justly deserve thy Anger and Indignation, because I have sinned exceedingly in Thought, Word, and Deed, thro' my Fault, thro' my Fault, thro' my most grievous Fault: But yet with my whole Heart, and with all my Soul, I turn to thee, O God, who art mild and very merciful; and purpose and promise, by thy Grace, to walk daily with more Care and Fidelity in the Way of thy Commandments. Remember, O Lord, remember thy Testament or Covenant, which thou hast made with us, and confirmed with the Blood and Death of thy Son. *Be merciful to my Iniquities, and remember not my Sins any more.*

After the Confiteor.

DELIVER us, O Lord, from all Iniquities, that in the End of our Life we may be received into the Kingdom of Heaven. [Say this thrice] *Have Mercy on thy People, O Christ, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious Blood. Lord have Mercy on us; Christ have Mercy on us; Lord have Mercy on us.*

At the Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

GLORY be to God on high, and on Earth Peace to Men of Good-will. We praise thee; we bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee; we give

give thee Thanks for thy great Glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. Lord *Jesus Christ*, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, thou, who takest away the Sins of the World, have Mercy on us; thou, who takest away the Sins of the World, hear our Prayers; thou, who sittest at the Right-hand of the Father, have Mercy on us. Because thou only art Holy, thou only art Lord, thou only art most High, O *Jesus Christ*, with the Holy Ghost, in the Glory of God the Father.

Amen.

At the first Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to look upon this Congregation, and mercifully accept the Prayers of thy Church, addressed to thee for us by the Ministry of thy Priest. Grant us, for thy Mercies Sake, Remission of our Sins, and all Things necessary for the Relief and Support of our Souls and Bodies in thy Service. Convert all Hereticks; destroy all wicked Counsels; increase true Religion; and plant in our Hearts the Graces of unfeigned Charity, sincere Devotion, Patience in Troubles, Joy in Hope, and whatever else may conduce to thy Glory and our Salvation: Through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Epistle.

O God, who, by thy Death, did'st fully accomplish that which the Law foretold, and in a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a Memorial of thy Passion, and of our Deliverance; grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the holy Mysteries of thy blessed Body and Blood, that our Souls may always perceive in themselves the Fruit of thy Redemption, who livest and reignest, &c.

After

After the Epistle.

O Glorious Trinity! by thee we are created; by thee we are sanctified, O adorable Unity: Defend, save, and protect all thy People, O Almighty God. We adore thee, O God the Father; we praise thee, O God the Son; we bless thee, O God the Holy Ghost: To whom, three Persons and one God, be all Honour and Glory for ever. *Amen.*

At the Preface.

O Lord, deal not with us according to our Sins, nor reward us according to our Iniquities: Lord, remember not our former Offences, but let thy Mercy speedily come in to our Succour, because we have great Need of it. Help us, O God, our Saviour, and for the Glory of thy Name deliver us: O Lord, be merciful to us, for thy Name's Sake.

At the Gospel.

LORD Jesus Christ, who camest from Heaven to instruct us in all Truth, and continuest still daily to teach us by thy holy Gospels, and the Preachers of thy Word; grant me Grace that I may be wanting in no Care necessary for my being instructed in thy saving Truths: Let me be as industrious in my Soul's Concern, as I am for my Body; that while I take Pains in the Affairs of this World, I may not thro' Stupidity or Neglect let my Soul starve and perish everlastingily. Let the Rules of thy Gospel be the Direction of my Life, that I may not only know thy Will, but likewise do it: That I may observe thy Commandments, and resisting all the inclinations of corrupt Nature, only follow thee, who art the Way, the Truth and the Life: For thus only can I be truly thy Disciple; and thus only, O Jesus, canst thou be my Master.

The Credo, or the Nicene Creed.

I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all Things, visible and invisible. And in one Lord *Jesus Christ*, the only begotten Son of God, and born of the Father before all Ages, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made, consubstantial to the Father, by whom all Things were made: Who for us Men, and for our Salvation, came down from Heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin *Mary*, AND WAS MADE MAN. Was crucified also for us under *Pontius Pilate*; he suffered and was buried: And the third Day he rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven; sits at the Right-hand of the Father; and is to come again with Glory to judge the Living and the Dead; of whose Kingdom there shall be no End. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And one Holy Catholick and Apostolick Church. I confess one Baptism for the Remission of Sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the Dead, and the Life of the World to come. *Amen.*

At the Offertory.

O Lord God, Almighty Father, who, thro' *Jesus Christ* thy only Son, has instituted a new and admirable Oblation which the Church by Tradition from thy holy Apostles, makes throughout the World unto thee, O God, the great Creator of all Things; offering, under a hidden Mystery, the first Fruits of thy Creatures and Gifts, to wit, Bread and Wine mingled with Water, immediately to be consecrated into the Flesh and Blood of

of thy beloved Son, that by the same Oblation we may present him to thee, who is the living Bread descending from Heaven, and giving Life to all the World: Vouchsafe, most gracious God, mercifully to accept this Oblation; which thy Catholick Church offers to thee by the Priest, for all thy People, whom thou hast purchased with the precious Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the Orate Fratres.

OUR Lord send thee Help from Heaven, and protect thee. Our Lord be mindful of this thy Sacrifice, and receive it from thy Hands, to the Praise and Glory of his Name, and to the Benefit and Comfort of our Souls, and the Souls of all the Faithful, living and dead. *Amen.*

O Lord, who justifiest the Wicked, and givest Life to the Dead, quicken and raise me. O Lord, give Compunction to my Heart, and Tears to my Eyes, that I may ever bewail the Wickedness of my sinful Life with Humility, and a firm Purpose of Amendment. Let my Prayer be admitted into thy Presence, O God. If thou be angry with me, to whose Assistance shall I have Recourse? Or whose Assistance will avail me? Remember, O Lord, that thou called'st the Woman of Canaan and the Publican to Repentance, and did'st receive Peter after his Tears; receive also my Prayers, O God my Saviour, who livest and reignest for ever. *Amen.*

When the Priest saith Sursum Corda.

LIFT up our Hearts, O heavenly Father, I beseech thee, from worldly Cares, and the Thoughts of earthly Things, to meditate on thy celestial Joys; that we may direct all our Thoughts,

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Words and Deeds, to serve and glorify thee, so that after this Life we may enjoy thee for ever. *Amen.*

Then say with him,

IT is meet and just, right and necessary, that we always, and in all Places, give Thanks to thee, O Holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God, thro' Christ our Lord, by whom the Angels praise thy Majesty, the Dominations adore it, the Powers tremble at it; the Heavens, and the heavenly Hosts, and the blessed Seraphims, with one common Joy, celebrate it. Amongst whose worthy Hymns, we beseech thee to command our Voices also to be admitted, saying, with humble Confession, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; the Heavens and the Earth are full of thy Glory. *Hosanna in the highest; blessed is he that comes in the Name of our Lord, Hosanna in the highest. Amen.*

At the Holy Canon.

O Jesus, our High-priest, and the Bishop of our Souls, who offered'st thyself to God the Father on the Altar of the Cross a pure and immaculate Host, for us wretched Sinners, and hast left us thy true Flesh and Blood in this adorable Mystery, effected by thy divine Omnipotence, and commanded to be offered in Remembrance of our Redemption. By the same Almighty Power, I beseech thee, grant that I may worthily remember thy blessed Passion, and wholly offer and resign myself unto thee, my Lord, and my Redeemer: Grant that I may be present at this heavenly Sacrifice with due Reverence, Purity of Heart, and spiritual Gladness. Let my Mind taste the sweetness of thy blessed Presence, and behold with joy the Troops of thy Saints and Angels, which encompass and adore thee. *Amen.*

INTERCEDE for me, O blessed Virgin *Mary*, that my Prayers may prove effectual with thy Son, our Lord *Jesus*. Pray for me, O you Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins, with all the Saints of Heaven. The Prayers of such, O Lord, thou despisest not; insprie them therefore to pray for me, who livest and reignest one God for ever. *Amen.*

An offering of yourself to God.

O Most merciful Father of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, in Remembrance of his blessed Incarnation, in Remembrance of his Sorrows, Tears, Wounds, and precious Drops of Blood, in Remembrance of his Death and Passion, and in Acknowledgement of the World's Redemption, I humbly offer this holy Oblation; and in Union therewith, and with that all-savine Oblation, which he made on the Cross, I offer myself, with all that I am or have, to thy Praise and Glory, beseeching thee to give to the Living Grace, and to the Deceased Peace and Rest, and to all Mercy, and Life everlasting. I commend to thee, O Lord, my Soul and Body, all my Thoughts, Words, and Actions, most humbly beseeching thee to have Mercy on me, and all those for whom I am any ways bound to pray, as *N.* and *N.* &c.

At the Elevation of the Host.

HAIL true Body, born of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, which truly suffered'st, and wert offered on the Cross for Mankind; whose Side being pierced with a Spear, yielded Water and Blood. O sweet, O good *Jesus*, Son of the eternal God, and the Son of the blessed Virgin, have Mercy on me, and vouchsafe that I may worthily receive thee at the Hour of my Death.

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I Adore and Worship thee, O Christ, with all Praise and Benediction; because, by thy bitter Death and Passion, thou hast redeemed my Soul from endless Misery. Have Mercy on me, dear Jesus, and grant that thy Death may not be frustrated in me, I most humbly beseech thee. Amen.

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

HAIL most precious and sacred Blood, which, flowing out of the Side of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, washest away the Spots of our Offences; cleanse, sanctify, and preserve my Soul, I beseech thee, to everlasting Life.

WE thank thee, O Lord God, merciful Father, for having been pleased to send thy only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for us Sinners, even the most shameful Death of the Cross, that he might offer himself to thee a most pure, holy, and acceptable Sacrifice for our Sins, and thereby purge our wicked Consciences from all Spots of Uncleanness. By this thy exceeding great Love to us, and by these most bitter Torments of thy Son our Saviour, we humbly beseech thee continually to impart to us the Fruits of his Redemption, that we may daily die to the World, and be crucified to the Lusts and Desires of the Flesh, and live to thee alone during our whole Life, that in the End we may rejoice everlasting in thy Kingdom; where, with thy eternal Son, and the Holy Ghost, thou livest and reignest one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Water issuing out of the Side of Christ, wash me. O good Jesus, hear me, hide me within thy Wounds; suffer me not to be separated from thee; defend me from the malignant Enemy,

Enemy, and command me to come to thee, that, with thy Saints, I may praise thee for all Eternity. *Amen.*

Short MEDITATIONS, or ASPIRATIONS:

OH! the Depth of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God, how incomprehensible are thy Judgments, and how unsearchable thy Ways!

O Sacrament of Piety! O Sign of Unity! O Bond of Charity! He that will live hath here whereon to live, here wherein to live. Let him come and believe, and be incorporated, that he may be enlivened.

O Miracle! O the Goodness of God! who, sitting above with the Father, is in the same Moment of Time in the Hands also of the Priest, and delivered to such as are willing to receive and embrace him.

O dreadful Majesty, how should I tremble to offend thee! O infinite Mercy, to thee I come for Pardon of my Sins; to thee I have Recourse in all my Necessities; thee I adore with all the Faculties of my Soul and Body. Hail, holy Sacrifice, offered for me and all mankind. Hail, most precious Blood, shed for me and all Mankind.

O how pleasant, Lord, is thy Spirit! who, to shew thy Sweetness towards thy Children, givest them the most delicious Bread from Heaven, and sendest the Proud away empty.

A Devout Prayer and Adoration in Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

I Adore thee, O Saviour of my Soul, Redeemer of Mankind, the true Sacrifice offered for the Sins of the whole World. O most precious Treasure! Source of all Delight, and Repose of pure and

and clean Hearts. O Angelical Food! O celestial Bread! O eternal Word of the Father, who for us wert made Flesh, and yet remained'st God in one and the same Person. I believe most undoubtedly, that, by the Virtue of holy Consecration, thou, O Lord, true God, and true Man, art really present, after a miraculous Manner, on the Altar. Thou art the assured Hope, and only Salvation of Sinners. Thou art the Sovereign Restorative of those that languish, and the inexhaustible Treasure of poor distressed Pilgrims. Hallowed be thy Name most sweet Saviour *Jesus Christ*; may all thy Creatures sound forth Praises and Thanksgiving to thee, for the Love wherewith thou regard'st our Welfare, by descending from Heaven, and offering up thy pure and innocent Body on the Cross for our Redemption. Hallowed be thy Name, most blessed *Jesus*, that after thy Resurrection and Ascension thou vouchsafed'st to leave us, in this most venerable Sacrament, the very same Body, become glorious and immortal, as a Memorial of thy Departure, and a Pledge of the infinite Love which thou barest us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, have Mercy on us, and grant us thy Peace; Refresh and recruit our Souls with this Spiritual and heavenly Food, and strengthen us continually with thy Grace, that neither in Life nor Death we may depart from thee, nor be deprived at any Time of thy celestial Benedictions, who livest and reignest with God the Father, and the Holy Ghost, to all Eternity. Amen.

A Prayer for the Departed.

WE humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, for the Souls of the Faithful who are departed this Life, that this holy Sacrifice may be to them

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eternal Salvation, perpetual Rest, and everlasting Felicity. O my Lord Jesus, let this wonderful and excellent Mystery of Piety and Bounty be to them, this Day, full and perfect Joy; grant that they may be filled with thee, the Living and true Bread, who descended'st from Heaven, and gavest Life to the World: with thee, the immaculate Lamb, that takest away the Sins of the World: Make them drink of the Fountain that springs to eternal Life; that so being refreshed and comforted, they may rejoice in thy holy Praise and Glory, World without End. Amen.

When the Priest has said the Lord's Prayer.

DE L I V E R us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all Evils past, present, and to come; and by the Intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and of all the Saints, mercifully grant Peace in our Days; that by the Help of thy Grace, we may always be free from Sin, and safe from all Disturbance.

At the Agnus Dei.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, have Mercy on us; O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, have Mercy on us; O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the World, grant us Peace.

When the Priest receives.

O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the Memory of his Passion is renewed, our Mind is replenished with Grace, and a Pledge of the Glory to come is given us.

Sweet Jesus, grant we may so reverence the sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, as to find ever in ourselves the Fruits of thy Redemption. Amen.

A Spiritual

A Spiritual Communion

O My good God, and sweet Saviour *Jesus*, who here art come for my Sake, and givest thyself to me for daily Food, and for the Supply of all my Necessities. My own Unpreparedness forbids me, O Lord, to receive thee sacramentally; yet since without thee, who art the true Food of my Soul, I cannot live, I humbly beseech thee to refresh me spiritually, and make me Partaker of that Grace, which they are sensible of, who devoutly receive thee. O good *Jesus*, despise me not, but vouchsafe to visit thy Servant, and, by thy Grace, to work and perfect all the Effects and Virtues of thy holy Sacrament in me, to thy Honour, O my God, and the eternal Salvation of my Soul. *Amen.*

O Most gracious God, Father of all Mercies, grant, I beseech thee, that this adorable Sacrifice of the blessed Body and Blood of thy Son, our Lord *Jesus Christ*, which here, and every where throughout thy holy Church, is offered as a continual Thanksgiving for, and a daily Remembrance of his blessed Death, may obtain for us, at thy Hands, Mercy, and the Remission of all our Sins. *Amen.*

O Lord, have Mercy on us, and defend thy Servants, *N.* our chief Bishop, our King, Queen, us here present, and all Christian People, from all Adversity, always, and in all Places. Grant Peace and Prosperity in our Time, and preserve thy Church from all Wickedness: Thro' our Lord *Jesus Christ*, thy Son, who lives and reigns one God, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, for evermore. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

THE Grace of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, the Virtue of his sacred Passion, and the Intercession of all his Saints, and Elect of God, be with me, and defend me now and at the Hour of my Death. *Amen.*

A Prayer acknowledging our Obligation to CHRIST.

MOST merciful Saviour *Jesus*, I, a wretched Sinner, acknowledge myself infinitely bound to thy divine Majesty for the innumerable Blessings thou hast so liberally bestowed on me and all Mankind; but especially for that inestimable Benefit of my Redemption, purchased by thy most cruel Death and Passion: Grant me Grace to love and praise thee, and always, with equal Clearfulness, both to do what thou commandest, and to suffer what thou permittest. *Amen.*

Hail, Lord *Jesus Christ*, Son of the living God, and Author of Life, our Mediator and Advocate. Blessed be thy holy Name, and blessed be thy Charity, wherewith thou didst redeem the World. Plead for us, and save us, O Lord God, now, and at the Hour of our Death. *Amen.*

If any one doth not love our Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema. *I Cor. xvi. 22.*

The Manner of Serving and Answering at MASS.

The Clerk, or Minister, kneeling at the Left-hand of the Priest, shall answer him as follows:

Priest.

Introibo ad Altare Dei.

Cl. Ad Deum qui lætificat Juventutem meam.

Pr. Judica me, Deus, & discerne Causam meam; de Gente non sancta, ab Homine iniquo & doloso erue me.

Cl. Quia tu es Deus, Fortitudo mea. Quare me repulisti, & quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me Inimicus?

Pr.

Pr. Emitte Lucem tuam, & Veritatem tuam :
Ipsa me deduxerunt, & adduxerunt in Montem
sanctum tuum, & in Tabernacula tua.

Cl. Et introibo ad Altare Dei: ad Deum qui
lætificat Juventutem meam.

Pr. Confitebor tibi in Cithara, Deus, Deus
meus: Quare tristis es, Anima mea, & quare con-
turbas me?

Cl. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor
illi: Salutare Vultus mei, Deus meus.

Pr. Gloria Patri, & Filio, & Spiritui Sancto.

Cl. Sicut erat in Principio, & nunc, & semper,
in Sæcula Sæculorum. Amen.

Pr. Introibo ad Altare Dei.

Cl. Ad Deum qui lætificat Juventutem meam.

Pr. Adjutorium nostrum in Nomine Domini.

Cl. Qui fecit Cœlum & Terram.

Pr. Confiteor Deo, &c.

Cl. Misereatur tui Omnipotens Deus, & di-
missis Peccatis tuis, perducat te ad Vitam æternam.

Pr. Amen.

Cl. Confiteor Deo Omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ
semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato
Joanni Baptista, sanctis Apostolis Petro & Paulo,
omnibus Sanctis, & tibi, Pater, quia peccavi ni-
mis Cogitatione, Verbo & Operè, (*Here he strikes
his Breast thrice*) mea Culpa, mea Culpa, mea
maxima Culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam sem-
per Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum,
beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Pe-
trum & Paulum, omnes Sanctos, & te, Pater, orare
pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

Pr. Misereatur vestri, &c.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Indulgentiam, Absolutionem, & Remissi-
onem, &c.

of the Altar, making a Reverence as you pass before the Middle of the Altar: And always kneel or stand on the opposite Side to the Mass-Book.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

Pr. Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum, &c.
Making the Sign of the Cross on your Forehead,
Mouth, and Breast, and bowing, say,

Cl. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Make a Reverence always at the Name of JESUS;
and at the End, bowing, say,

Cl. Laus tibi, Christe.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

When the Priest has offered the Bread, the Clerk is to give him Wine and Water with Reverence, and then prepare the Towel, and give him Water for his Hands. That done, let him kneel as before.

Pr. Orate, Fratres.

Cl. Suscipiat Dominus Sacrificium de Manibus
tuis, ad Laudem & Gloriam Nominis sui; ad Utilem
quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ
sanctæ.

Pr. Per omnia Sæcula Sæculorum.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

Pr. Sursum Corda.

Cl. Habemus ad Dominum.

Pr. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

Cl. Dignum & justum est.

At Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, ring the little Bell.

When you see the Priest spread his Hands over the Chalice, you must give Warning by the Bell of the Consecration which is about to be made; and light the Candle, if prepared for that purpose: Then

holding up the Vestment with your Left-hand, and having the Bell in your right, ring it during the Elivation of the Host: Which done, kiss the Vestment, and let it down; and do the same at the Elevation of the Chalice. As often as you pass by the blessed Sacrament adore on one Knee.

Pr. Per omnia Sæcula Sæculorum.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Et ne nos inducas in Tentationem.

Cl. Sed libera nos a Malo.

Pr. Per omnia Sæcula Sæculorum.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

Where it is the Custom, the Clerk, kneeling, gives the Pax to the Priest to kiss, who says,

Pr. Pax tecum.

Cl. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

After a little Pause, the Clerk rises, kneels before the Sacrament, and gives the Pax to the Audience, observing their Dignity and Years.

The Priest's Communion being ended, be ready to give him Wine first, then Wine and Water. But if there be any Communicants, provide first a Towel, and say the Confiteor: And after the Communion, give the Priest Wine and Water. Then remove the Book to the Left Corner of the Altar, put out the Candle which you lighted before the Elevation, and take away the Towel from the Communicants.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

Pr. Per omnia Sæcula Sæculorum.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Ite. Missa est, or Benedicamus Domino.

Cl. Deo Gratias.

Or

Or in Masses for the Dead.

Pr. Requiescant in Pace.

Cl. Amen.

*If the Book be left open, remove it. Kneel to receive
the Priest's Blessing.*

Pr. Pater, & Filius, & Spiritus Sanctus.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

*Pr. Initium, or Sequentia Sancti Evangelii se-
cundum, &c.*

Cl. Gloria tibi, Domine.

*At the End of the last Gospel, whatever it be, say,
Deo Gratias.*

*So put out the Candles, and lay up all decently and
carefully.*

*If you have Leisure, meditate a while, and kiss the
Altar, saying,*

*I will adore in the Place where his Feet stood;
and depart.*

Advice touching REPENTANCE and PE-
NANCE.

*AS no Day passes but we offend in many Things,
so we ought to let no Day pass without Repen-
tance; for which Reason the whole Life of a Christian
ought to be Repentance and Penance.*

*Repentance is a sincere Sorrow, or a real Displeasure
for having offended God; and Penance is the Fruit of
Repentance, consisting in virtuous Actions, whereby
Sin is punished, and our Passions are mortified, for
our more effectual Reconciliation to God; because God
doth not regard a barren Repentance, which only
acknowledges and condemns Sin, but neither corrects,
nor reforms, nor touches the Sinner.*

The Confession of Venial Sins to the Ministers of God's Church is not declared necessary to Salvation; but the Confession of them to Almighty God, with a sincere Repentance, is an indispensable Duty; because no Sin can be remitted without Repentance, and there is no Repentance without acknowledging our Guilt. Without the daily Performance of this Duty, there is no keeping our Ground against those evil Inclinations to Sin, wherewith we are born, and which the Gospel chargeth us to subdue and mortify, lest Sin should live in us: For as these evil Inclinations are but the Desires of pleasing ourselves, and our Corruption makes us apt to think it reasonable to please ourselves in having our Will; so our Sins are often hidden from us, and we live in them, without being sensible of them. And this Insensibility or Blindness is not to be cured but by the Light of the Holy Ghost, improved by daily Repentance.

Instructions for Confession.

Before you enter upon the Examination of your Conscience, reflect, that, without the Grace of Light from above, your natural Darkness will never permit you to see your Sins; you will deceive yourselves with many Delusions; you will scruple at Niceties, and overlook your greatest Offences, as if they were none at all: First then humble yourself in the Sight of God, and petition for that Light which you want.

A Prayer before Examination of Conscience.

O My Lord and my God, be merciful to me a Sinner: I humbly acknowledge in thy Sight, that, as I am born in Sin, and all Sin is Darkness, so of myself I naturally run on in the Dark from one Sin to another, pleasing myself, it is true, for the present, but displeasing thee, and making myself thy Enemy: But thou, O God, who didst order the Light to rise out of Darkness, didst also

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send thy Word in the Flesh, thy only begotten Son, to be our true Light, and to enlighten every one that comes into this World; and he has admonished me of my evil Inclinations, my unruly Desires, and the corrupt Dispositions of my Heart; and warned me, as I hope for Life, not to give way to them; but to subdue, crucify and destroy them. It is my Desire and Design at present, O my God, to examine how far I have given way to them, and to discover what Injustice, what Offences, and what Sins they have drawn me into; and this Desire I acknowledge to be thy Gift. But, O Father of Mercies, and of Lights, how miserably shall I deceive myself, if thou assist me not in this Work by thy holy Spirit! I know there is nothing hidden from thy Sight; but for me, I confess I am in the Dark to myself: Self-love favours my Passions, and betrays me into a Partiality towards them; and tho' I have many Sins that look me full in the Face, and cannot be hidden, yet how many more must there be that are quite hidden from me! But do thou, O Lord, discover even these to me: Enlighten this my Darkness, cure my Blindness, and remove every Veil that hides my Sins from me, that so I may be no longer a Secret to myself, nor a Stranger to my own Failings. Send down thy holy Spirit into my Heart, and by a Beam of thy divine Light open my Understanding, that I may have a full View of my Sins and Transgressions; and thus knowing myself, and sincerely repenting of all my Offences, I may know thee, and be received again into thy Favour.

Having begged the Assistance of God, turn seriously to the Examination of your Conscience, and consider, 1st, Whether you have wilfully committed any of those

Sins which are expressly forbidden by the Ten Commandments of God. 2dly, What Sins you have committed of those that are contained under those general Heads, commonly called the Seven Capital Sins. 3dly, What against any Command of the Church.

A TABLE to help our Memory when we prepare for Confession.

Of the Ten Commandments.

I. COMMANDMENT.

LIVED in Ignorance of the one true living God, of any of the necessary Articles of the Christian Faith.

Neglected to be instructed in my Duty, of adoring, worshipping and serving him.

Not acknowledged his Justice and Wisdom in the Disposal and Government of all Things, Times and Seasons; but murmured at what was not pleasing to me.

Given Way to Curiosity, or the Desire of knowing what belongs only to God to know, concerning myself and others.

Practised or given Credit to the vain heathenish Arts of knowing such Things by the Position of the Stars, or other Devices of Men.

Given Credit to Dreams or heathenish Observations; employed Prayers or sacred Words to ill Purposes; made use of Charms for recovering of Health, escaping Dangers, &c.

Obstinately erred, or wilfully doubted in any Article of Faith.

Perfumed of God's Goodness.

Despaired of his Mercy.

Been

Been ashamed of Things that concerned God's Honour and Service.

Made a sacrilegious Confession, by concealing a mortal Sin, or by want of true Sorrow, or of a firm Purpose of Amendment.

Received the holy Eucharist, or any other Sacrament, in mortal Sin, or without due Preparation. Jested at the Ceremonies of the Church, or other holy Things.

Talked, gazed, or laughed in the Church.

Contemned or laughed at devout and virtuous Persons.

II. COMMANDMENT.

SWORN falsely or rashly.

Blasphemed God or his Saints.

Not reprendered Swearers or Blasphemers when I ought.

Cursed myself or others.

Provoked others so far as to make them swear or blaspheme.

Broken my lawful Vows, or Oaths.

III. COMMANDMENT.

NOT heard Mass on Sundays or Holydays.

Done, or made others do, any servile Work, or bought or sold on those Days without Necessity.

Spent those Days in Idleness, or worse.

Neglected to hear Catholick Sermons and Catechisms, when I had Opportunity.

IV. COMMANDMENT.

NOT honoured my Parents, or endeavoured to relieve them in their Want.

Despised them, or spoken contemptibly to them or of them.

Taken Pleasure to vex them.

Disobeyed them, or my Superiors.

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Been

Been troubled, peevish, and impatient, when told
of my Faults, or corrected by them.

Scorned their good Advice, or censured their
Proceedings.

Cursed them, or wished them Harm.

Not been sollicitous for those under my Charge,
in duly providing for Soul and Body.

V. COMMANDMENT.

SUFFERED myself to be carried away by the
Motion of Wrath.

Given injurious Language.

Borne Hatred or Malice.

Desired Revenge, or taken Pleasure in the Thought
thereof.

Threatened or struck others.

Desired my own or another's Death.

Not endured any thing contrary to my Inclination.

Not forgiven Injuries.

Refused to salute or speak to my Neighbour out
of Aversion.

Given others ill Example by *such* and *such* Things.

Induced or enticed others to Sin, by Command,
Threats, Counsel, Consent, Praise or Flattery,
or by any other Means.

Exposed myself to Danger of Sin, by *such* and
such Way.

VI. and IX. COMMANDMENTS.

TAKEN Pleasure in unchaste Thoughts or
Desires, or in the Sight of immodest Objects.
Frequented immodest Plays.

Uttered, or read, or given ear to, or not hindered
immodest Words, Verses, Discourses,
Books, or Songs.

Touch'd myself or others, or kiss'd them un-
chastely.

Committed Adultery, or any other Impurity.

VII. and X. COMMANDMENTS.

STOLEN, or wrongfully detained, or damaged another's Goods really or in Desire.

Taken Usury.

Cheated others by deceitful Bargains, Weight or Measures ; or by putting off false Money, or bad Wares ; or by any other Way.

Not restored when I was obliged.

Not paid my Debts in due Time.

Ventured too great a Sum at Play.

Not fulfilled my Promises.

Desired my Neighbour's Goods.

Not pitied but slighted the Poor in their Necessities.

Not lent to them that wanted.

Not given Alms.

VIII. COMMANDMENT.

BORNE false Witness.

Called any one by injurious Names.

Taken away the good Name, or lessened the Esteem or Reputation of another, either, 1. By saying something false ; 2. Or by reporting as true what was doubtful.

Or by revealing some secret Sin or Defect.

Delighted in hearing others ill spoken of, or grieved to hear them well spoken of.

Believed rashly, or not endeavoured to hinder injurious Reports.

Not spoken of another's Sin when I was obliged.

Dispraised others.

Sowed Discord, by telling one Person what another said to him.

Judged rashly.

Interpreted the Doings and Sayings of others in the worst Part.

Concealed the Truth to the Prejudice of another.

Told Lies.

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The greatest part of the CAPITAL SINS have been examined in the Commandments: Here follow what remain.

TAKEN *Pleasure* in thinking too well of myself, or of my Performances, or Qualifications. Been puffed up with vain Imaginations of my own Excellence.

Attributed to myself any Good, as if I had it from myself and not from God.

Despised or contemned others, out of the Conceit I had of myself.

Taken *Pleasure* in hearing myself praised; or desired and sought to be esteemed by others.

Done good Works out of vain Glory.

Taken *Pride* in committing Sin; or boasted of any Sin; and of what Sin.

Conceited myself fit for Things above me; and attempted, through Ambition or Presumption what I was not fit for, or what was above my Strength.

Set my Heart upon *Riches*, *Pomp*, fine *Cloaths*, and loved them more than God.

Been grieved at others Prosperity, or pleased at their Misfortunes.

Envied their Virtues, Esteem, or Praise; or been troubled at their Beauty or other Qualifications.

Eaten or drank to excess, or to the Prejudice of Health.

Broken the Fasts or Abstinence commanded by the Church.

Had a Loathing and Aversion for the Love and Service of God.

Delayed my Conversion to God, or the Repentance and Confession of my Sins.

Neglected Prayer, and other Means of Salvation. Neglected the Duties of my Calling.

Lost my Time in Vanities and Fooleries, or led an evil Life.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS before SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION.

O Maker of Heaven and Earth, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords ! who of nothing created'st me to thy own Image, and redeemed'st me with thy most precious Blood ; whom I, a Sinner, am not worthy to name, nor so much as to think on ; I humbly desire thee to look upon me in thy Pity, and to have Compassion on me ; who shewed'st Mercy to the Woman of Canaan, and to *Mary Magdalen* ; who forgavest the Publican and the penitent Thief. To thee, most holy God, I confess my Sins, which if I would I cannot hide from thy Sight : Have Mercy on me, O Christ, for I have exceedingly offended thee in Thought, Word, and Deed, *thro' my Fault, thro' my Fault, thro' my most grievous Fault.*

Therefore, I most humbly beseech thy Goodness, O Christ, who for my Sake descended'st from Heaven, to have Mercy on me : Thou art my Creator and Helper, my Maker and Redeemer, my Governor and most indulgent Father : Thou art my Strength and Refuge, my Hope and Resurrection, my Life and eternal Felicity. If I have committed that for which thou may'st condemn me, yet thou hast not lost that whereby thou can'st forgive me. Let not my Wickedness, O Lord, overcome thy Goodness. Spare me, O my dearest Saviour, and take Compassion on my sinful Soul. To whom should I fly but to thee ? If thou cast me off, who will receive me ? If thou despise me, and turn thy Face from me, who will look on me ? Receive me therefore, O my gracious Lord, returning to thee, tho' sinful and

and unworthy ; for if I am impure, thou can't make me clean ; if I am sick, thou can't heal me ; if I am dead and buried, thou can't revive me : Thy Mercy is far greater than my Iniquity, and thou can't forgive more than I can offend.

Consider not therefore, O Lord, the Number of my Sins, but, according to the Greatnes of thy Mercy, pardon all my Transgressions. Say to my Soul, I am thy Salvation ; who said'st to all the World, I desire not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live. Convert me to thee, O Lord, and make me live hereafter with a greater Fear of offending thee, and a deeper Sense of Duty and Obedience to thee. Make me direct all my Actions to thy Honour, and diligently redeem the Time I have mis-spent, that so by a holy Life I may be brought to a happy Death, and rejoice with thee for all Eternity. Amen.

Another.

MOST gracious Lord ! who of thy infinite Love and Mercy towards Mankind, hast ordained in thy Church the Sacrament of Penance, as a sovereign Remedy to heal our spiritual Wounds, and purge us from the Uncleaneſs wherewith after Baptism we have any Way defiled our Souls : Look down on me an ungrateful Sinner, who, having many Ways most grievously offended thee, purpose through thy Grace, to fly to this Sacrament for Remedy, and in Obedience to thy divine Ordinance, confess my Sins to thy Minister, hoping thereby, that, according as thou hast promised, I shall receive full and perfect Absolution from all my Sins.

Give me Grace, therefore, O Lord, that as of thy Goodness thou hast inspired into my Heart this

this holy Resolution, so I may, with due Reverence, Contrition, and Sincerity, accomplish what I have proposed, to the Glory of thy holy Name, and the full Remission of all my Sins. Open the Secrets of my Soul to me, O Lord, and make me know all my Sins and Iniquities. Give me a perfect Sorrow and hearty Contrition for them, and Grace to confess them to my spiritual Physician, plainly and entirely, sincerely and penitently, with a firm and constant Resolution to endeavour the Amendment of my Life for the future.

O Lord, my gracious God, the only Comfort of my Soul, since thou desirest that in all Things I should sincerely serve thee, and I, through thy Grace, desire nothing more than to perform thy Will ; how comes it to pass, O Lord, that I still offend thee ? How comes it to pass, that I relapse so often into my former Follies ? Thy Grace is not wanting. What then can it be attributed to, but only to my Inconstancy and Perverseness ; to my unwillingness to deny myself, and to subdue my Passions ? For which, O Lord, I am most heartily sorry. I often determine to resist every Temptation, and immediately I am overcome, and fail in my good Purpose. Justly therefore ought I to humble my Soul, and make account that on the Earth there lives not any one who is more infirm or weak than myself. Increase in me daily thy Grace and the sovereign Virtue of Humility, I most humbly beseech thee, that I may perfectly know thee and myself ; thy Majesty and Mercy, and my own Corruption and Misery ; that so distrusting my own Forces, and confiding in thy gracious Help and Favour, I may at length fight more manfully, and gain the Victory over my Enemies, O my only Redeemer and Saviour

Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God for ever. *Amen.*

AMEDITATION before Confession, in order to stir up in the Soul a hearty Sorrow for having offended God.

CONSIDER, *1st*, my Soul, that God is thy first beginning, from whom thou hast received thy whole Being; that he has made thee for himself, and for a happy Eternity; and sent thee into this World, to the End that by loving and serving him thou mightest merit this happy Eternity. Ah! how little hast thou hitherto thought either of thy first Beginning or last End! How little hast thou corresponded to the only End for which thou camest into the World! How little hast thou loved thy Sovereign Good! Ah! what empty Toys and Trifles have hitherto taken up thy Thoughts! Ah! wretched Husks of Swine, which thou hast loved more than God! Repent and amend.

Consider, *2dly*, What a filthy Monster Sin is which thou hast hitherto carried about with thee, and cherished in thy Breast. Mortal Sin is so great an Evil, so black, so odious and hideous, that Hell itself has nothing worse. 'Tis the greatest of all Evils, infinitely opposite to the sovereign Good. This dismal Poison changed in a Moment innumerable Angels into ugly Devils; The same is the Bane of the whole World, and daily crowds Hell with innumerable Souls. This cursed Stain is the Fuel which nourishes that everlasting Fire, which endless Ages will never be able to efface. Alas! my poor Soul how wretched then has thy Case been all this while thou haft been in Sin! Thou hast been all this while
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very Monster of Filth and Ugliness ; odious and abominable to God and his Angels. The foulest Creature upon Earth is certainly a Beauty in Comparison with a Soul in Sin ; and could'st thou but see thyself as thou art in this State, the very Sight would strike thee dead. Ah ! detest then so great an Evil, and abhor it from thy Heart, and spare no Pains to get rid of it.

Consider, 3dly, The Multitude of thy Sins ; and how from thy first coming to the Use of Reason, till this very Hour, thou hast not let one Day pass without many Ways offending thy God. And what had he done to deserve this Treatment at thy Hands ? Ah ! how early did'st thou turn thy Back upon him ! How quickly did'st thou fall from the supreme Good into the bottomless Pit of Sin and Misery ! Hast thou not defiled all the Powers of the Soul, and all the Senses and Members of the Body, by manifold Sins ? Hast thou not perverted all the Gifts of God, by abusing them and turning them to the Offence of the Giver ? And yet all this while he has spared thee, whilst Millions of others have been cut off in their Sins ; yea, are actually burning in Hell for lesser Sins than thou hast committed : He has with an admirable Love watched over thee Night and Day, or the Devil would have long since carried thee away. Alas ! all the while thou hast been in Sin there was but a Hair's breadth betwixt thy Soul and Hell, viz. the slender Thread of Life, which thy God held in his Hand, which thou hast so often provoked him to break, which if he had broken it, in that Moment thou must have been in Hell ! Oh ! love him then, and bless him for ever for his Forbearance and Long-Suffering. Heartily beg Pardon for

for having so long a Time, and so very often abused his Mercy and affronted his Justice. Resolve to return to him now at least with thy whole Heart, and beg that thou may'st never any more turn thy Back on him.

Consider, 4^{thly}, That Death will be with thee very quickly ; and that a sudden and unprovided Death is frequently the just Punishment of Sin. Ah ! make then thy Peace with God in Time ; and remember that a Death-bed Repentance is but a poor Chance : Alas ! they will certainly deceive themselves, that design to put upon God's Justice, by living in Sin and dying in Grace. Consider also the dreadful Account thou must give immediately after Death of all the Sins of thy Life ; and how wretched thy Case will then be, if thou dost not now wash away thy sinful Stains by penitential Tears. Ah ! what a dismal Eternity wilt thou be condemned to, if thou art then found in mortal Sin. Alas ! canst thou bear everlasting Fire ! Canst thou endure to burn for ever ? And what a Loss will it be to thee to lose for ever thy God, thy Sovereign Good, the Fountain of all Good. Ah ! nothing but Sin can rob thee of Heaven, or condemn thee to Hell. Renounce then so great an Evil, and detest it for ever.

Consider, 5^{thly}, how good God is in himself, and how good he has been to thee. He is an Ocean every Way infinite in Goodness and Perfection ; a Beauty so charming as to ravish all that see him, and eternally fill their Souls with inconceivable Joy, Delight and Love. He is the inexhaustible Source of all Perfection, and of all Being ; and every Good that is in any of his Creatures, is from him, by him, and in him. He is eternal, without

Beginning,

Beginning, Ending, or Change; he is immense and incomprehensible, filling Heaven and Earth, and all Things therein; his Power, Wisdom, Mercy and Justice are infinite. And who art thou, my Soul, that so great a God should set his Heart upon thee? Ah! he has thought of thee from all Eternity. He has prepared a happy Eternity for thee. And how little hast thou thought of him! How little hast thou loved him! How frequently and how grievously hast thou offended him! But, O my good and loving God, I am now at least resolved by thy Grace to do so no more. I have said, now I begin: Oh! let this be the Change of the Right-hand of the Most High.

Consider, 6thly, the innumerable Benefits and Favours thou hast received from God. He has given thee thy very Being. He formed thy Body in thy Mother's Womb, and created thy immortal Soul to his own Image. He kept thee from perishing by any one of those innumerable Accidents to which thou wert exposed for the Space of nine Months; and brought thee safe to the Waters of Baptism, where he washed thee from Sin, made thee his Child, and Heir of his Kingdom. He provided for thee during thy helpless Infancy and Childhood. He gave thee an early Knowledge of himself, and of his heavenly Truths. He has favoured thee with many Calls, Inspirations, and Graces, beyond Thousands of others. He has made thee a Member of his Church by a distinguishing Mercy; he has admitted thee to his Sacraments, and given himself to thee in the blessed Eucharist. He has borne with thy repeated Treasons for a great many Years; and has been thy constant benefactor, notwithstanding all thy Ingratitude. And is it possible, my Soul, that thou should'st still offend

offend him ? Oh ! rather let me die, dear Lord,
than offend thee any more.

Consider, *zthly*, How much thy Saviour *Jesus Christ*, the Son of God, has suffered for thy Sins. His whole Life was a continual Suffering : But what dreadful Torments did he endure for thee in his Passion and Death ! What a bitter Agony in the Garden of *Gethsemani* ! What a bloody Sweat ! O the Anguish of his sacred Soul, which forced from his Body this dismal Sweat ! O the Heinousness of thy Sins, my Soul, which thy Saviour has thus bewailed with Tears of Blood ! Alas ! it was for the Love of thee he suffered all this. For thee he permitted himself to be betrayed and sold by one of his own Disciples. For thee he gave himself up to the Hand of Sinners, to be apprehended as a Malefactor, bound, beaten and abused ; falsely accused, and unjustly condemned ; muffled, spit upon, and loaded with all Manner of Reproaches ; forsaken by all his Friends, and denied by the chief of his Apostles ; exposed all the Night, and all the Day, to the Insults and Scoffs of his Enemies, to the Infidelities of the Mob and of the Soldiers ; cloathed in a Fool's Garment ; judged to be worse than a *Barabbas* ; rent and torn with Whips and Scourges ; crowned with Thorns ; derided as a mock King ; vested with a purple Garment, and a Scepter of a Reed ; condemned to a disgraceful Death ; loaded with a heavy Cross laid upon his wounded Shoulders ; drenched with Gall and Vinegar ; violently stript of his Cloaths, which now clave fast to his Wounds ; stretched on the Cross as on a Rack, and nailed to it with gross Nails drove through his Hands and Feet ; hoisted up in the Air between two Thieves, and there, in most bitter

Torments

Torments and Anguish, he was pleased to hang for the Space of three Hours, bleeding and dying for the Love of thee. Ah ! how much then have they cost this innocent Lamb of God ! Ah ! how dearly has he loved thee ! since in the Midst of all his Tortures he had thee in his Heart, and even then was pleading thy Cause with his eternal Father, when thy Sins were crucifying him ? Grieve then, my Soul, for having offended so good a God ; grieve that thou grievest so little for so great an Evil. Run in now at least to thy crucified Saviour, embrace his Feet like *Magdalen*, and strive to wash them with thy Tears.

AFFECTIONS and RESOLUTIONS.

MY Lord, and my All, I am confounded at the Multitude and Enormity of my Offences against so good a God ; I dare not presume even to lift up my Eyes to Heaven, much less to come near thy Altar, after so many Treasons against thee. Alas ! what shall I now do, O Lord ? What shall I say ? But with the humble Publican, strike my Breast, and cry out to thee, *O God, be merciful to me a Sinner.*

My Sins exceed in Number the Hairs of my Head and the Sands of the Seas : But thy Mercies are more innumerable than my Sins. O Ocean of Mercy, have Compassion on a poor miserable Sinner, and make me now at least a true Penitent.

Father, I have sinned against Heaven and in thy Sight, and am not worthy to be called thy Child ; Oh ! receive me as one of the least of thy Servants, and never suffer me to go astray from thee any more.

It grieves me, O my God, that I have offended thee ; I am heartily sorry for all the Sins I have committed against thy infinite Goodness. O that

I could worthily lament them even with Tears of Blood.

Who will give Water to my Head, and a Fountain of Tears to my Eyes, that Night and Day I may bewail my Sins and Ingratitude?

O that I had never offended my God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those Souls, who have never lost their baptismal Innocence! Ah sweet Jesus, that I had been so happy!

Have Mercy on me, O God, according to thy great Mercy; and according to the Multitude of thy tender Mercies blot out all my Iniquities. Wash me yet more from my Iniquities, and cleanse me from my Sins; because I know my Iniquities, and my Sins are always before me.

O that I could now, like *Magdalen*, present myself at the Feet of my Saviour! O that I could wash them with my Tears! O suffer me, dear Lord, to lay down all my Sins at thy Feet, to be cancelled by thy precious Blood.

Lord, thou hast said there is Joy in Heaven upon one Sinner doing Penance, morethan upon ninety-nine Just: O give me now Grace to be a true Penitent indeed, that so Heaven may rejoice at my Conversion.

Thou camest, O my dear Redeemer, not to call the Just, but Sinners to Repentance: Look down upon me, a poor miserable Sinner; and draw me now powerfully to thee by thy Grace.

I know thou willest not the Death of the Sinner, but that he be converted and live: O let me no longer remain dead in my Sins! O let me now at least begin to live to thee!

Create a clean Heart in me, O God, and renew a right Spirit within my Bowels. O grant that I may now serve thee in good Earnest! O let

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this be the Change of the Right-hand of the most High!

Thou hast made me, O my God, and redeemed me by thy precious Blood. O despise not the Work of thy Hands? O let not thy Blood be spilt for me in vain!

Too late have I known thee, O ancient Truth! Too late have I loved thee, O ancient Beauty! Too long have I gone astray from thee! From this Moment, O my Sovereign Good, I desire to be forever thine. O let nothing in Life or Death ever separate me from thee any more!

O divine Lover of penitent Souls, give me henceforward a contrite and humble Heart: Oh! I desire from this Hour to offer this Sacrifice daily to thee, till the End of my Life.

O divine Love, how little art thou known in this wicked World: how little art thou loved! Come now to me, and take full Possession of my whole Heart and Soul for Time and Eternity.

Thy Mercy has been infinite, in bearing so long with such an ungrateful Sinner as I have been, and in daily heaping thy Favours upon me. Add this one Favour, O Lord, to all the rest, that henceforward, by thy Grace, I may never offend thee more. This one Thing I earnestly beg of thee, for thy infinite Mercy's Sake, and through the Death and Passion of thy only Son: Hear this one Prayer, I beseech thee, and in all Things else do with me what thou pleasest.

I am resolved by thy Grace, never more to return to my Sins: O rather let me die, than offend thee wilfully any more. I am resolved to fly all evil Company, and dangerous Occasions, and to take proper Measures for a thorough Amendment of my Life for the future. All this I resolve: But thou

knowest my Frailty, O my God: and if thou assist me not by thy Grace, all my Resolutions will prove ineffectual, and I shall be for ever miserable. O look to me, O Lord, that I may never betray thee any more.

N. B. Here it is proper that the Penitent should think upon the Measures he must take for an entire Amendment of Life for the Time to come; considering well what have been the Occasions of his Sins? What Circumstances are apt to be dangerous to him? What Precautions he must take against those Dangers for the future? What pious Exercises he must daily make use of, such as Prayer, Meditation, spiritual Reading, &c. When, and how often, frequent the Sacraments, &c.

When the Penitent finds himself heartily sorry for having offended God, and fully determined for the Time to come to amend his Life, and avoid all mortal Sins, and the immediate Occasions of them; he may then go to Confession, in which he may follow this Method:

To be observed at Confession.

1. IN going to Confession humble yourself, by considering the Majesty and Judgments of God, and your own many InfirmitieS and great Unworthiness.
2. Kneeling by your Pastor, say, In the Name of the Father, &c. Pray, Father, give me your Blessing. And after the Blessing say the Confiteor, to Mea maxima Culpa.
3. Let your Confession be plain, entire, and discreet, neither obscuring your Offences with uncertain Words, nor concealing any mortal Sin, nor using any immodest Expressions, or prejudicial to a third Person.
4. Make not those superstitious Accusations which many do, as, I have not loved God so well as I ought;

ought; I have not prayed with so great Devotion as I should; I have not cherished my Neighbour as I ought to have done; I have not received the Sacraments with so great Reverence as I ought. *For in such Accusations there is nothing by which your Confessor may understand the State of your Conscience; since all Men upon Earth may, and must, own the same Defects.* St. Fr. Sales, Introd. Part II. c. 19.

5. Therefore rather express the Actions wherein you preferred your own Will before that of God, or your own Convenience before the Relief of your Neighbour; and take Care to distinguish between the Imperfections that attend all human Actions, and an ill Custom of doing amiss, or a wilful Neglect of Duty.
6. Having ended your Confession, you may add this Form: *Of these Sins, and whatever else I cannot call to Mind, or is hidden from me, I beg Pardon of Almighty God, Penance and Absolution of you, my ghostly Father. Ideo precor; or therefore I beseech, &c.*

A Prayer at the Receiving of Absolution.

O Merciful God, as, at the Words of thy Angel, the Chains fell off from the Feet of St. Peter, and he immediately was restored to Liberty; so grant, that, by the Words of this holy Sacrament, pronounced by the Priest, the Chains of my Sins may be loosed, and all my Offences pardoned. Amen.

God be merciful to me a Sinner.

Iesus, Son of David, have Mercy on me.

Thou, who suffered'st for me, have Mercy on me.

Prayers after Confession.

O God of Mercy and Pity, having now through thy gracious Goodnes disburdened my Conscience of the Guilt werewith it was oppressed, and in the humblest Manner I was able discovered all the Sins I could possibly think of to thy Minister my *Ghostly Father*, I most humbly beseech thee to accept this Confession, and forgive me all my Trespasses, as well such as I forgot as those which I remembred.

Grant me Grace, O Lord, to live more carefully and diligently hereafter, and to abstain from my former Follies, which I utterly detest ; firmly purposing, through thy Grace, never any more to offend in them ; especially, O my merciful and most bountiful Saviour, give me Grace to withstand these Temptations, wherewith I am most grievously infested [*Here they are to be mentioned*] as also to avoid all the Occasions of offending thee for the future.

The just Man falls seven Times a Day, much more then shall I fall (O my Lord) having, through my own Frailty and vicious Customs, increased the Weaknes and Blindnes which I received from my Forefather *Adam* ; yet Lord, as I hope, and purpose firmly, by thy merciful Favour, to refrain from consenting to any mortal Sin (from which I most humbly beg of thee to preserve me whilst I live) so will I, by thy Goodness, continually strive against my evil Inclinations and Passions, which are the Cause of all my Offences : Which that I may the better perform, grant me Grace, my sweet Saviour *Jesus Christ*, to persevere in examining my Conscience every Night more diligently than other, according to the good

good Instructions it hath pleased thee to impart unto me by thy Servant ; and every Morning so happily to begin the Day, by offering thee the first Fruits of all my Actions, that the rest of it may always be employed to thy Glory. Let me never flatter myself with the Thoughts of having repented, and at the same Time nourish Folly and Vice within my Breast.

As for the Penance enjoined me, and not yet performed, I humbly beseech thy Assistance, both in the perfect remembering and diligent executing of it, till, by thus daily endeavouring, through thy Grace to amend my Life, I become at last a true Penitent ; and so through the Merits of thy blessed Passion, obtain full Forgiveness of my Sins in this World, and in the other everlasting Life. Grant this, O my Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*, who, with God the Father, and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, World without End. Amen.

I Beseech thee, O Lord, let this my Confession be acceptable to thee, by the Intercession of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, thy holy Mother, and of all the Saints : And vouchsafe of thy infinite Goodness and Mercy, to supply whatever has been defective in this or any other of my Confessions, that thou may'st fully ratify in Heaven that Absolution which has been here pronounced on Earth ; who livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

For Satisfaction, besides your Performance of the Penance enjoined you, you must labour to root out of your Heart all Inclinations to the Sins you have confessed. If you have injured any, you must make Restitution as far as you are able ; if, by your Example, or otherwise, you have given Scandal or Occasion of Sin, you must, by contrary Virtues, endeavour to recompense the spiritual Damage of your Neighbour.

Beware then of that most dangerous Delusion, which is to imagine, that, after Confession, you are then at Liberty to follow your own Inclination, without the Trouble of calling yourself any more to an Account, till the next Time you go to Confession. Such Persons only go to Confession to comply with Custom, or the Expectation of others: They have the outward Form of Piety, but know not what it means; and can never overcome their Corruption till they change their Method.

INSTRUCTIONS and DEVOTIONS before COMMUNION.

1. LET a Man prove and try himself, says St. Paul, 1 Cor. xi. and so eat of that Bread, &c. This proving or trying one's self is the first and most necessary Preparation for the holy Communion, and consists in looking diligently into the State of one's Soul, in order to discover what Indispositions or Sins may lie there concealed; and to apply a proper Remedy to them by sincere Repentance and Confession; lest otherwise, approaching to the Holy of Holies with a Soul defiled with the Guilt of mortal Sin, we become guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ, and receive Judgment to ourselves, not discerning the Lord's Body, 1 Cor. xi. For this Reason we go to Confession before Communion, in order to clear ourselves from the Filth of Sin.

2. The Person that is to receive the blessed Sacrament must be always fasting, at least from Midnight, by the Command of the Church, and by a most antient and apostolical Tradition, ordaining, that in Reverence to so great a Sacrament, nothing should enter into the Body of a Christian before the Body of Christ. Hence, if through Inadvertence, or otherwise, a Person has taken any Thing, tho' ever so little, after twelve o'Clock

o'Clock at Night, he must by no Means receive that Day, except in the Case of Danger of approaching Death, when the blessed Sacrament is received by way of Viaticum.

3. Besides this Preparation of Confession and Fasting, the Person that proposes to go to Communion must endeavour to aim at the best Devotion he is able, in order to dispose his Soul for worthily receiving so great a Guest. To this End I recommend to him :

First, To think well on the great Work he has in Hand ; to consider attentively who it is he is going to receive, and how far he is from deserving such a Favour ; and to implore with Fervour and Humility God's Grace and Mercy. And this should be the Subject of his Meditations and Prayers for some Days beforehand ; and more particularly the Night before his Communion, and the Morning he receives.

Secondly, To propose to himself a pure Intention, viz. The Honour of God and the Health of his own Soul ; and in particular, that by worthily receiving Christ in this heavenly Sacrament, he may come to a happy Union with him, according to that of St. John vi. 36. He that eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Thirdly, To meditate on the Sufferings and Death of his Redeemer : This Sacrament being instituted to this End, that we should shew forth the Death of Christ until he come, 1 Cor. xi.

Fourthly, To prepare himself by Acts of Virtue, more especially of Faith, Love, and Humility ; that so he may approach to his Lord, with a firm Belief of his real Presence in this Sacrament, and of that great Sacrifice which he hitherto offered upon the Cross for our Redemption, of which he here makes us partakers, with an ardent Affection of Love to him who has loved us so much, and who out of pure Love gives him-

self to us; and with a great Sentiment of his own Unworthiness and Sins, joined with a firm Confidence in the Mercies of his Redeemer.

A MEDITATION before Communion, divided into Seven Points, which may serve as a Seven-Days Preparation for the blessed Sacrament.

Consider, 1st, That Jesus Christ our Lord, whom we receive in this blessed Sacrament, is called in Scripture the Lamb that was slain from the Beginning of the World, *Apocalypse* xiii. 8. Because from the very Beginning of the World there was no Way of coming at God's Mercy or Grace but by Faith in a Redeemer to come, and by the Merits of his future Death and Passion. Hence Christ crucified was from the Beginning of the World the great Object of the Devotion of the Patriarchs and Prophets; for him they constantly sighed; him they regarded in all their Sacrifices; which were indeed so many Figures of him, and of his Death. All these Figures were to have an End, when Christ himself, the very Truth, in Person came into the World, and offered himself upon the Cross a Sacrifice for the Sins of the World: But still his Death and Passion is to be the perpetual Object of the Devotion of all his Children and Servants, even to the End of the World; not now as prefigured in Shadows and Types, but as commemorated and celebrated in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and Sacrament, containing and exhibiting verily and indeed, that is, in very Truth, our great High-Priest and Victim, Jesus Christ: For the ancient Figures are now passed, and the Truth has succeeded in their Place; and that same Fountain of all Sanctity, who of old communicated himself to his Servants spiritually

ally by Faith, now gives himself to us verily and indeed, in these heavenly Mysteries: For this Manner of communicating himself was best becoming the new Law; which is a Law of Love, a Law of Grace, and a Law of Truth. Ah! my Soul, admire and adore the Riches of the Bounty and Goodness of thy God and Saviour, who gives thee in this Sacrament so great a Gift, that Heaven itself has nothing greater. Embrace his Love, and let it be with a suitable Return of Love. And see thou prepare thyself worthily to receive so great a Visit: O take care to open wide thy Heart, that it may be capable to hold those Treasures which he brings with him, and which he desires to impart to thee.

Consider, 2dly, The Figures by which God was pleased in the *Old Testament* to foreshew this Sacrament: Especially these three, the Tree of Life, the Paschal Lamb, and the Manna from Heaven. The Tree of Life, which God planted in the Midst of the earthly Paradise, had that excellent Property, that, if Sin had not banished us from that happy Abode, by feeding on the Fruit of it, we should have been maintained in a constant Vigour, Strength and Health, and have never died. O how well does the blessed Eucharist answer this noble Figure! in which we feed upon Life itself in its very Fountain; and by frequently and worthily approaching to it, receive a copious and constant Supply of heavenly Vigour, Strength and Health of the Soul; that so we may never incur the second Death, but pass from Life to Life; from the Life of Grace to the Life of Glory; from Life concealed under sacramental Veils, to Life seen and enjoyed without Shadow or Change for all Eternity. The Paschal Lamb, which was first

offered in Sacrifice to God, on the Evening on which the Children of *Israel* were delivered from the Bondage of *Egypt*, and then was by God's Command eaten by all the Faithful, was also a Figure of the blessed Eucharist, and of the true Lamb of God, there communicated to us; even that Lamb which was first offered in Sacrifice for our eternal Redemption from the Bondage of the infernal *Pharaoh*, and is now received by all the Faithful in these heavenly Mysteries, for a perpetual Commemoration of this our Redemption, and a daily Application of the Fruit of it to our Souls. O my Soul, let us confidently run to this Lamb of God, who taketh away the Sins of the World! Let us receive with all Affection this Christian *Passover*! Let us embrace this Victim of our Redemption, this new Sacrifice of the new Covenant, the Covenant of Life and of Love! Let us sprinkle ourselves with this *Blood of the New Testament*, that so the destroying Angel may have no Power to hurt us. Another Figure of the blessed Eucharist was the *Manna* from Heaven, with which the Children of *Israel* were wonderfully fed during their forty Years Sojourning in the Wilderness, before their coming to the Land of Promise. This Food was many Ways miraculous, but nothing in Comparison of that *living Bread*, the Bread of Life which is given us in the divine Mysteries, which comes down from Heaven, that true Land of Promise, the Land of the Living, and which nourishes our Souls to Life eternal. Oh! heavenly Manna, Oh! Bread of Angels; let my Soul always hunger after thee. Thou art my true and only Support, during this my mortal Pilgrimage. Oh! give me a Loathing for all these Husks of Swine, with which this deluded

Inclined World seeks to amuse me! Oh! let me ever relish thy hidden Sweetness!

Consider, 3dly, The Mysteries which we celebrate in this thrice blessed Sacrament and Sacrifice. Here the whole Passion and Death of *Christ* is solemnly acted, as a most sacred Tragedy, by himself in Person. Here the Lamb of God presents himself as slain to his eternal Father; and his Blood most powerfully pleads in our Behalf. Here the *Death* of our Lord, the Fountain of all our Good, plentifully flows into our Souls, and ever lives and brings forth in us the Fruit of Life. Here the Triumphs of our crucified King, his victorious Resurrection and glorious Ascension are displayed. Here we receive an Assurance of the Share that we have in *Christ*, and in his Redemption. Here we partake of his *Body*, and of his *Spirit*. Here we drink of the Fountain of Life. Here all the Members of *Christ* are happily united with one another, and with their Head, in a Sacrament of Union and Love. Here, in fine, we have a most certain Pledge of everlasting Life, and of the eternal Enjoyment of him in our blessed Country, who thus lovingly gives himself to us in this Place of Banishment. O my Soul, reverence with Awe, and embrace with Love, these Mysteries so full of Majesty and of Love. The High-Priest of the *Old Testament* was but once a Year to enter into the inward Sanctuary of the Temple, called the *Holy of Holies*; and then not without diverse Purifications and Sacrifices, and a solemn Fast of all *Israel*. See then how pure, how holy thou oughtest to be, who so often art admitted into the Sanctuary of the *New Testament*, that is, to these divine Mysteries sanctified by the Presence of *Jesus Christ* himself.

himself, the true *Holy of Holies*, of which that *Jewish Sanctuary* was but a Shadow.

Consider, therefore, 4thly, That what most especially calls for our Devotion in these most holy Mysteries, is the real Presence of *Jesus Christ* himself, true God and true Man, under the sacramental Veils. Bow thyself down, my Soul, to adore this sacred Truth: Let no proud Thoughts of Opposition arise in thee against this admirable Sacrament: captivate thy Understanding to the Obedience of Faith: Build thyself upon the express Words of Truth itself, so often repeated in Holy Writ, and upon the express Declaration of the Church of God, against which the Gates of Hell can never prevail. The Glory and Merit of Faith is to believe what thou canst not see; to acknowledge that the Almighty can do infinitely more than thou canst comprehend; and that no Effort of Mercy and Love can be too great for him who has died for Love. See then what thy Devotion ought to be, in Consequence of this Belief; what profound Reverence to so great a Lord, who lies concealed in these tremendous Mysteries; what *Purity* of Conscience, in order to approach worthily to Purity itself; what *Humility*, what *Love*, when thou art admitted to his Embraces!

Consider, 5thly, How many Ways thy Lord and thy God, thy Sovereign Good, who delights to be with the Children of Men, *Prov. viii. 31.* communicates himself to thee. In his Incarnation and Birth, he gave himself to be thy Companion, and to take upon him all thy Miseries: In his Death he gave himself to be thy Ransom: In this heavenly Sacrament he gives himself to be thy Food, the Comfort and Support of thy Exile: And in his Kingdom above, he designs to give himself

himself for thy eternal Reward. Oh ! what can he do more to testify his Love to thee : As wise as he is, he cannot contrive any Thing better for thee ; as powerful as he is, he cannot do more for thee than give thee himself. Oh ! how true is that Saying of the beloved Disciple, that *God is Love!* But what dost thou see in me, dear Lord, that can move thee to love such a poor Worm ; such a wretched Sinner as I am ! There can be nothing good in me but what is thy gracious Gift : And, alas ! I fear I have hitherto abused all thy Gifts ; 'Tis then thy own pure Goodness alone that can make thee love me ; and thy pure Love alone that can make thee communicate thyself to me. O let me then be no longer ungrateful to thy Love ! Let that divine Fire which thou so much desirest to enkindle upon Earth, take hold now of my Heart, that I may return thee Love for Love. O send it now into my Soul, that it may prepare thee a suitable Lodging there ! Oh ! let me henceforward give myself wholly to thee, who so often givest thyself to me.

Consider, 6thly, Who it is that thou art to receive in this blessed Sacrament ; and who thou art that presumest to approach him. He is the great King and Maker of Heaven and Earth, and the whole Creation is a mere nothing in his Sight ; what a little Atom, then, art thou, compared to him ! He is eternal, immense, and every Way infinite in Power, in Majesty, in Beauty, in Wisdom, in Glory, &c. And thou art a little diminutive Worm, made of Earth, and full of Miseries. He is infinitely pure and holy, in whose Sight the very Heavens are not clean, and who cannot endure Iniquity : And thou art the very Filth of Sin, and a Sink of Uncleanness and Corruption.

ruption. How then, my Soul, shall we dare venture to enter into this inward Sanctuary, to draw near the Throne of this infinite Majesty, and, unclean as we are, to touch and receive the Holy of Holies: *Oza* was struck dead for irreverently touching the Ark of the Covenant; the *Bethshamites* for irreverently looking on it; and *Nadab* and *Abihu* for offering Incense before it with unhallowed Fire: Now what was this Ark, in which were only repositored the Tables of the Law, in Comparison with the Lord and Giver of the Law, whom we here approach to? When God was about to give the Law, the Children of *Israel* were commanded to be purified, and to keep themselves chaste; and nevertheless to keep their Distance from the Mountain, where the Lord appeared in Thunder and Lightning: Only *Moses* was permitted to ascend to the Mountain's Top to converse with the Divine Majesty, or rather with an Angel speaking in his Person. And how shall we with so little Purity dare approach this immense Deity, this *consuming Fire!* St. Paul assures us, *1 Cor. xi.* that the unworthy Receiver is guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord, and receiveth Judgment to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord: How then shall we, the most unworthy of all Sinners, presume to receive this Lord of Glory! Must we then stay away till we have the Presumption to think ourselves worthy? No certainly: For one of the most necessary Dispositions for receiving worthily, is to acknowledge and believe our own Unworthiness. Or must we, thro' Awe and Fear of so great a Majesty, abstain for ever from partaking of these tremendous Mysteries? No: For it is no less certain Death to stay away from this Fountain of Life, than to come to it unworthily.

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What then must we do, my Soul? We will not run away from our sovereign Good: No, we will run to him. But it shall be like the humble Publican, like the poor Prodigal returning home, like the penitent *Magdalen*: Such as these he never rejects: It shall be with a contrite and humble Heart, which he never despises: It shall be with an entire Confidence in his infinite Goodness and Mercy; for no one ever hoped in him, and was confounded. O grant us, dear Lord, to approach thee with these happy Dispositions! And since thou art pleased to invite thyself into so poor, so mean, so wretched a Cottage as this of my Breast, be pleased to send in thither before-hand those Graces, those Virtues, that Devotion which may prepare the Place for thee. For thou knowest that of myself I can do nothing.

Consider, 7thly, The happy Fruits which this divine Sacrament produces in those Souls which frequent it with due Preparation. *The Bread that I will give, says our Lord, St. John vi. is my Flesh for the Life of the World:* And again, *He that eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal Life, and I will raise him up at the last Day:* And again, *He that eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, abideth in me, and I in him:* And, *He that eateth me shall live by me:* And, *He that eateth this Bread shall live for ever.* Wheresoever our Lord comes, he carries about with him all the Treasures of Life; that is, all Grace, Charity and Sanctity; and on his Part is ever ready to open these Treasures, and to communicate them most plentifully to those Souls which he comes to visit. These Treasures are infinite, and so is the Love he bears to us. What Gifts then, what Graces may we not expect, if we come with Reverence and

and Humility, with Love and Devotion, to him who is the Fountain of Life, Grace and Sanctity! Here we receive the Bread of Life for the Food and Nourishment of our Souls: Here we meet with a constant Supply of sanctifying Grace, to repair the daily Decays caused by our Infirmitiy and Corruption; to give us new Strength and Vigour to walk on in our Way thro' the Wilderness of this wicked World to the Mountain of God; and to make us continually grow in Virtue, till we come to a perfect Man, to the Measure of the Age of the Fulness of Christ. Here our lesser Sins are forgiven us, and we receive a sovereign Antidote against the greater. Here devout Souls taste the Sweetness of Heaven in its very Fountain. Here, seated like Magdalen at the Feet of our Lord, they learn from him heavenly Lessons, and enjoy his delicious Conversation. Aspire after this Happiness, O Christian Souls, which in some Measure makes you enjoy Heaven upon Earth. If you love Jesus Christ, run to his Embraces: If you love yourself, run to your Sovereign Good. But see it be with due Preparation, and most especially with Faith, with Fear, and with Love.

A PREPARATORY PRAYER, containing the chief Acts of Devotion proper before COMMUNION.

i. Direct your Intention.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of everlasting Glory, behold I desire to come to thee this Day, and to receive thy Body and Blood in this heavenly Sacrament, for thy Honour and Glory, and Good of my Soul; I desire to receive thee, because it is thy Desire, and thou hast so ordained; blessed

blessed be thy Name for ever. I desire to come to thee, like *Magdalen*, that I may be delivered from all my Evils, and embrace thee my only Good. I desire to come to thee, that I may be happily united to thee, that I may henceforward abide in thee, and thou in me; and that nothing in Life or Death may ever separate me from thee.

2. *Commemorate the Passion of Christ.*

I desire in these holy Mysteries to commemorate, as thou hast commanded, all thy Sufferings, thy Agony and bloody Sweat, thy being betrayed and apprehended; all the Reproaches and Calumnies, all the Scoffs and Affronts, all the Blows and Buffets thou hast endured for me; thy being scourged, crowned with Thorns, and loaded with a heavy Cross for my Sins, and for the Sins of the whole World; thy Crucifixion and Death; together with thy glorious Resurrection, and triumphant Ascension. I adore thee, and give thee Thanks for all that thou hast done and suffered for us, and for giving us, in this blessed Sacrament, this Pledge of our Redemption, this Victim of our Ransom, this Body and Blood, which was offered for us.

3. *Make an Act of Faith.*

I most firmly believe, that in this holy Sacrament thou art present verily and indeed: That here is thy Body and Blood, thy Soul and thy Divinity: I believe that thou my Saviour, true God and true Man, art really here with all thy Treasures; that here thou communicatest thyself to us; makest us Partakers of the Fruit of thy Passion, and givest us a Pledge of eternal Life. I believe there cannot be a greater Happiness than to receive thee worthily, nor a greater Misery than to receive thee unworthily. All this I most stedfastly believe, because

because it is what thou hast taught us by thy Word, and by thy Church.

4. *Conceive a great Fear, and humble yourself.*

But, O my God, how shall I dare approach to thee, so wretched a Worm to so infinite a Majesty, so filthy a Sinner to such infinite Purity and Sanctity! Alas! my Soul is covered with an universal Leprosy; and how shall I presume to embrace thee! My whole Life has been nothing but Misery and Sin; and 'tis only thy Mercy that I have not been long since in Hell, which I have deserved a thousand Times, and how shall I venture so much as to lift up my Eyes to thee; how much less to receive thee within my Breast! I tremble at the Sentence of thy Apostle, that he that receives unworthily, receives his own damnation; for I cannot but acknowledge myself infinitely unworthy: Nor should I dare ever to come to thee, were I not excited by thy most loving and pressing Invitation, and encouraged by thy infinite Goodness and Mercy. 'Tis in this Mercy, which is above all thy Works, I put my whole Trust, and 'tis in this Confidence alone that I presume to approach to thee. O grant that it may be with a contrite and humble Heart; for this I know thou wilt never despise.

5. *Make an Act of Contrition.*

Lord, I detest with my whole Heart all the Sins by which I have ever offended thy Divine Majesty, from the first Moment that I was capable of sinning to this very Hour: I desire to lay them all down here at thy Feet, to be cancelled by thy precius Blood. What can I do for them, but humbly confess and lament them all my Lifetime; and this I heartily desire to do, and from this Moment continually to cry to thee for Mercy.

Hear

Hear me, O Lord, by that infinite Love, by which thou hast shed thy Blood for me: O let not that Blood be shed in vain. All my Sins displease me now exceedingly, because they have offended thy infinite Goodness. By thy Grace I will never commit them any more: I am sorry for them, and will be sorry for them as long as I live; and according to the best of my Power, will do Penance for them. Forgive, dear Lord, for thy Mercy's Sake; pardon me all that is past, and be thou my Keeper for the Time to come, that I may never more offend thee.

6. *Make an Act of divine Love.*

O sweet Jesus, the God of my Heart, and the Life of my Soul; as the Hart pants after the Fountains of Water, so does my Soul pant after thee, the Fountain of Life, and the Ocean of all Good. I am overjoyed at the hearing of these happy Tidings, that I am to go into the House of our Lord; or rather, that our Lord is to come into my House, and take up his Abode with me. O happy Moments, when I shall be admitted to the Embraces of the living God, for whom my poor Soul languishes with Love! O come, dear Jesus, and take full Possession of my Heart for ever! I offer it to thee without Reserve, I desire to consecrate it eternally to thee. I love thee with my whole Soul above all Things; at least I desire so to love thee. It is nothing less than infinite Love that brings thee to me; Oh! teach me to make a suitable Return of Love.

7. *Humbly beg God's Grace.*

But, O my God, thou knowest my great Poverty and Misery, and that of myself I can do nothing: Thou knowest how unworthy I am of this infinite Favour; and thou alone canst make me

me worthy. Oh! since thou art so good as to invite me thus to thyself, add this one Bounty more to all the rest, to prepare me for thyself. Cleanse my Soul from its Stains, cloath it with the nuptial Garment of Charity, adorn it with all Virtues, and make it a fit Abode for thee. Drive Sin and the Devil far from this Dwelling, which thou art here pleased to chuse for thyself, and make me one according to thy own Heart; that this heavenly Visit, which thou designest for my Salvation, may not by my Unworthiness be perverted to my Damnation. Oh! never let me be guilty of thy Body and Blood by an unworthy Communion? For the Sake of this same precious Blood, which thou hast shed for me, deliver me from so great an Evil: Oh! rather let me die ten thousand Deaths than thus presume to crucify thee again!

8. Implore the Prayers of the Blessed Virgin, and of the Saints.

O all ye blessed Angels and Saints of God, who see him Face to Face, whom I here receive under these humble Veils; and thou most especially, ever-blessed Virgin Mother of this same God and Saviour, in whose sacred Womb he was conceived and borne for nine Months; I most humbly beg the Assistance of your Prayers and Intercession, that I may in such Manner receive him here, in this Place of Banishment, as to be brought one Day to enjoy him with you in our true Country, and there to praise him and love him for ever.

At the Time of Communion, go up to the Rail, and take up the Towel, and hold it before you. Whilst the Clerk says the Confiteor, humbly confess your Sins, and beg God's Pardon for them. When the Priest
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turns about to give the Absolution, receive it with Head bowed down, as from the Hand of the invisible High-Priest, whom you are going to receive.

When the Priest holds up a Particle of the blessed Sacrament, with these Words, Ecce Agnus Dei, &c. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the Sins of the Word, humbly beg, with a lively Confidence in the Merits of his Death and Passion, that he would take away your Sins.

When the Priest repeats three Times, Domine, non sum dignus, &c. Lord, I am not worthy thou should'st enter under my Roof, speak only the Word and my Soul shall be healed, say the same with him in your Heart, and humble yourself exceedingly thro' the Sense of your Unworthiness and Sins; but let this be joined with a lively Confidence in him, who can raise you up, and perfectly heal your Soul by his only Word.

When the Priest gives you the blessed Sacrament, saying, The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy Soul to everlasting Life, Amen, receive it with a lively Faith, profound Humility, and a Heart inflamed with Love. At the Time of your receiving, let your Head be erect, your Mouth opened moderately wide, and your Tongue a little advanced, so as to rest upon your under Lip, that the Priest may conveniently convey the blessed Sacrament into your Mouth; let the sacred Host moisten a little upon your Tongue, and then swallow it down as soon as you can, and afterwards abstain a while from spitting. If the Host should chance to stick to the Roof of your Mouth, be not disturbed; neither must you put your Finger in your Mouth to remove it, but gently and quietly remove it with your Tongue, and so convey it down. And then return to your Place, and endeavour to entertain as well as you can the Guest whom you have received.

Spend

Spend at least a Quarter of an Hour after Communion, in Devotions suitable to that Occasion. It would be a great Abuse to turn your Back immediately upon your Saviour, by going away, as some do, and thinking no more of what you have been doing. Particularly, I recommend to you three Things after Communion: 1st, To cast yourself down in Spirit at the Feet of your Lord, whom you have received; to adore him, praise him, and give him Thanks, for coming to so unworthy a Sinner; and to invite all Heaven and Earth to join with you in praising and magnifying his holy Name. 2dly, To make an Offering of your Heart and Soul, and of your whole Being, to him, that you may henceforward love him and serve him for ever. 3dly, To present him your Petitions for all the Graces that you stand in Need of, and to make good Use of this favourable Opportunity to pray heartily for yourself, and for your Friends, and for the whole World.

**ASPIRATIONS after COMMUNION, taken out of
the Paradise of the Soul, Sect. 5.**

BEHOLD, O Lord, I have thee now, who hast all Things. I possess thee, who possessest all Things, and who canst do all Things: Take off my Heart then, O my God and my All, from all other Things but thee, in all which there is nothing but Vanity and Affliction of Spirit: Let my Heart be fixed on thee alone, let me ever repose in thee, where alone my Treasure is, the sovereign Truth, and true Happiness, and happy Eternity.

Let my Soul, O Lord, be sensible of the Sweetness of thy Presence. Let me taste how sweet thou art, O Lord; that, being allureed by thy Love, I may never more hunt after worldly Joys; for thou art the Joy of my Heart, and my Portion for ever.

Thou

Thou art the Physician of my Soul, who healest all our Infirmities by thy sacred Blood : And I am that sick Man, whom thou camest from Heaven to heal. O heal my Soul ! for I have sinned against thee.

Thou art the good Shepherd, who hast laid down thy Life for thy Sheep : Behold, I am that Sheep that was lost, and yet thou vouchsafest to feed me with thy Body and Blood. Take me now upon thy Shoulders to carry me Home. What canst thou deny me, who hast given me thyself ? Govern me, and nothing will be wanting to me, in the Place of Pasture where thou hast placed me, until thou bringest me to the happy Pastures of Life eternal.

O true Light, which enlightenest every Man that cometh into this World ; enlighten my Eyes, that I may never sleep in Death.

O Fire ever burning and never decaying, behold how tepid and cold I am : Inflame my Reins and my Heart, that they may burn with thy Love : For thou camest to cast Fire upon Earth ; and what dost thou desire but that it be enkindled.

O King of Heaven and Earth, rich in Mercy, behold I am poor and needy ; thou knowest what I stand most in need of, and thou alone canst assist and enrich me. O help me, my God, and out of the Treasures of thy Bounty succour my needy Soul.

O my Lord and my God, behold I am thy Servant : Give me Understanding, and excite my Affection, that I may henceforwards in all Things know and do thy Will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without Spot, who takest away the Sins of the World :

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O take away from me whatever is hurtful to me and displeasing to thee ; and give me what thou knowest to be pleasing to thee and profitable to me.

Thou art my Love and all my Joy : Thou art my God and my All : Thou art the Portion of my Inheritance and my Chalice : Thou art he that will restore my Inheritance to me.

O my God, and my All, may the sweet Flame of thy Love consume my Soul, that so I may die to the World for the Love of thee, who hast vouchsafed to die upon the Cross for the Love of me.

ACTS OF DEVOTION, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING after COMMUNION.

O My sweet Jesus ! my Creator, and my Redeemer, my God and my All, whence is this to me, that my Lord, and so great a Lord, whom Heaven and Earth cannot contain, should come into this poor Cottage, this House of Clay of my earthly Habitation ? O that I could give thee a hearty Welcome ! O that I could entertain thee as I ought ! Thy Loving-kindness invites me to thy Embraces, and I would willingly say with the Spouse in the Canticles, *I have found him whom my Soul loveth ; I have held him, and will never let him go :* But the Awe of so great Majesty checks me, and the Sense of my Unworthiness and innumerable Sins keeps me back. No, my Soul, 'tis the Feet of thy Saviour only that thou canst presume to embrace ; 'tis there thou must present thyself, like *Magdalen*, and wish that like her thou couldst wash them with thy Tears : O that thou couldst be so happy !

But, first, bow down thyself with all thy Powers, to adore this sovereign Majesty, which has vouchsafed

vouchsafed to come to visit thee ; pay him the best Homage thou art able, as to thy first Beginning and last End ; and perfectly annihilate thyself in the Presence of this eternal, immense, infinite Deity. Then pour thyself forth in his Presence, in Praise and Thanksgiving, to the best of thy Power ; and invite Heaven and Earth to join with thee in magnifying their Lord and thine, for his Mercy and Bounty to thee.

O ! what Return shall I make to thee, O Lord, for all that thou hast done for me ? Behold, when I had no Being at all, thou hast created me : And when I was gone astray, and lost in my Sins, thou hast redeemed me, by dying for me : All that I have, all that I am, is thy Gift ; and now, after all thy other Favours, thou hast given me thyself : Blessed be thy Name for ever. Thou art great, O Lord, and exceedingly to be praised ; great are thy Works, and of thy Wisdom there is no End : But thy tender Mercies, thy Bounty and Goodness to me, are above all thy Works : These I desire to confess and extol for ever. Bless then thy Lord, O my Soul, and let all that is within thee praise and magnify his Name. Bless thy Lord, my Soul, and see that thou never forgettest all that he has done for thee. O all ye Works of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and glorify him for ever. O all ye Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and glorify his Name. Bless the Lord all ye Saints, and let the whole Church of Heaven and Earth join in praising and giving him Thanks for all his Mercies and Graces to me, and so in some Measure supply for what is due from me. But as all this still falls short of what is owing to thee from me for thy infinite Love, I offer to thee, O eternal Father, this same Son of

thine, which thou hast given me, and his Thanksgiving which is of infinite Value: And this I am sure thou wilt accept of. Look not then upon my Insensibility and Ingratitude, but upon the Face of thy Christ; and with him, and through him, receive this Offering of my poor own Self, which I desire to make to thee.

N. B. *Here also might be recited the Canticle of the three Children, Benedicite, &c. the Te Deum, and some of the Psalms of Praise, which are found among the Devotions for Sunday Mornings.*

An OBLATION after COMMUNION.

O Father of Mercies and God of all Consolation, how hast thou loved us! To whom thou hast given thy only-begotten Son, once for our Ransom, and daily for the Food of our Souls. What can I, a wretched Creature, return to thee for this infinite Charity? Verily, nothing else but this same beloved Son of thine, whom thou hast given to me, and surely thou couldst give me nothing greater or more worthy of thyself. Him then I offer to thee, O heavenly Father, with whom thou art always well pleased; him whom thou hast lovingly delivered up to Death for me, and given me in this most holy Sacrament, which we frequent for the everlasting Memorial of his Death. He is our High-Priest and Victim: He is the Propitiation for the Sins of the whole World: He is our Advocate and Intercessor. Look down then upon him, and for his Sake look down upon me, and upon us all. Remember all his Sufferings, which he endured here in his mortal Life; his bitter Anguish; his mortal Agony; and bloody Sweat; all the Injuries and Affronts; all the Blows and Stripes; all the Bruises and Wounds

Wounds that he received for us. Remember his Death, which thou wast pleased should be the Fountain of our Life: And for the Sake of his sacred Passion have Mercy on us. Receive, O holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, this holy and unspotted Victim, which I here offer thee, in Union with that Love, with which he offered himself to thee upon the Altar of the Cross; receive him for the Praise and Glory of thy Name; in Thanksgiving for all thy Benefits bestowed on me and all Mankind; in Satisfaction also for all my Sins, and for the Benefit of thy whole Church, and the Refreshment and Comfort of all thy Faithful living and dead: Thro' the same *Jesus Christ* thy Son.

And turning myself to thee, O my dear Lord and Saviour, who hast here given me thyself, I would gladly make some suitable Return to thee for this infinite Love; I would gladly make thee some Offering, in Acknowledgment of this rich Present thou hast made me. But alas! thou knowest my Poverty; thou knowest I have nothing worthy of thy Acceptance; nothing but what upon a thousand Titles is already thine. But, O my God! such is thy Goodness, thou wilt be contented with the little that I can give thee, though it be thine already; thou askest nothing but my Heart, and this I here most willingly offer thee: O be pleased to accept of it, and make it wholly thine for ever! I offer thee here my whole Being, my Body with all its Senses, and my Soul with all its Powers; that as thou hast at present honoured them both by thy Presence, so they may be both thy Temples for ever: Oh! sanctify and consecrate eternally to thyself this Mansion which thou hast this Day chosen for thy

Abode. I give thee my Memory, that it may be ever recollect ed in thee ; my Understanding, that it may be always enlightened and directed by thy Truth ; and my Will, that it may be ever conformable to thine, and ever burn with the Love of thee O take me entirely into thy Hands, with all that I have, and all that I am ; and let nothing henceforward, in Life or Death, ever separate me any more from thee. *Amen.*

A PETITION after COMMUNION.

O Most merciful Saviour, behold I have presumed to receive thee this Day into my House, relying on thy infinite Goodness and Mercy, and hoping, like *Zaccheus*, to obtain thy Benediction. But alas ! with how little Preparation ? With how little Devotion ? From my Heart I beg Pardon for my great Unworthiness and for my innumerable Sins, which I detest for ever. Oh ! wash them all away with thy precious Blood ; for thou art the Lamb of God that taketh away the Sins of the World ; and one Drop of this Blood, which thou hast shed for us, is more than enough to cancel the Sins of ten thousand Worlds.

Thou seest, O Searcher of Hearts, all my Madies, and all the Wounds of my Soul ; thou knowest how prone I am to Evil, and how backward and sluggish to Good : Thou seest this Self-love, that tyrannizes over my Soul, which is so deeply rooted in my corrupt Nature, and branches out into so many Vices, so much Pride and Vanity, so much Passion and Envy, so much Covetousness and worldly Solicitude, so much Sensuality and Concupisence. Oh ! who can heal all these my Evils, but thou, the true Physician of my Soul, who givest me thy Body and Blood in

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this blessed Sacrament, as a sovereign Medicine for all my Infirmities, and a sovereign Balsam for all my Wounds? Dispel the Darkness of Ignorance and Error from my Understanding, by thy heavenly Light: Drive away the Corruption and Malice of my Will, by the Fire of divine Love and Charity: Restrain all the Motions of Concupisence, and all the irregular Sallies of Passion, that they may no more prevail over me; and strengthen my Weakness with heavenly Fortitude: Destroy this hellish Monster of Self-love, with its many Heads; or at least chain down this worst of all my Enemies, that it may no longer usurp the Empire of my Soul, which belongs to thee, and which thou hast taken Possession of this Day: Cut off the Heads of this Beast, and particularly that which annoys me most, and which is my predominant Passion: Stand by me henceforward in all my Temptations, that I may never more be overcome; remove from me all dangerous Occasions; and grant me this one Favour, that I may rather die a thousand Deaths than live to offend thee mortally.

O my *Jesus*, thou art infinitely rich, and all the Treasures of divine Grace are locked up in thee: These Treasures thou bringest with thee, when thou comest to visit us in this blessed Sacrament; and thou takest an infinite Pleasure in opening them to us, to enrich our Poverty. This gives me the Confidence to present thee now with my Petitions, and beg of thee those Graces and Virtues which I very much stand in need of, as thou best knowest. O increase and strengthen my Belief of thy heavenly Truths, and grant that henceforward I may ever live by Faith, and be guided by the Maxims of thy Gospel. Teach me to be

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poor in Spirit, and take off my Heart from the Love of these transitory Things, and fix it upon Eternity. Teach me, by thy divine Example, and by thy most efficacious Grace, to be meek and humble of Heart, and in my Patience to possess my Soul. Grant that I may ever keep my Body and Soul chaste and pure from the Corruption of Lust: That I may ever bewail my past Sins, and by a daily Mortification restrain all irregular Inclinations and Passions for the future. Above all Things teach me to love thee, and to walk always in thy Presence: Teach me to love my Friends in thee, and my Enemies for thee: Grant me to persevere to the End in this Love, and so to come one Day to that happy Place where I may love and enjoy thee for ever.

Have Mercy also on my Parents, Friends, and Benefactors, and on all those for whom I am any ways bound to pray, that we may all Love thee, and faithfully serve thee. Have Mercy on thy whole Church, and on all the Clergy and Religious, Men and Women, that all may live up to their Calling, and sanctify thy Name. Give thy Grace and Blessing to all Princes and Magistrates, and to all Christian People. Convert all Unbelievers and Sinners, and bring all strayed Sheep back to thy Fold; particularly have Mercy on N. and N. &c.

O blessed Virgin, Mother of my God and Saviour, recommend all these my Petitions to your Sen. O all you Angels and Saints, Citizens of Heaven, join also your Prayers with mine. You ever stand before the Throne, and see him Face to Face, whom I here receive under Veils: Be ever mindful of me, and obtain from him, and thro' him, that with you I may bless him and love him for ever. *Amen.*

N. B.

N. B. That upon the whole Day after your Communion, you ought to be more than ordinary retired, and perform more Devotions than usual. Particularly watch over yourself, lest by giving Way to Passion, or any other Sin, you suffer yourself to be robbed of any Part of that Treasure you have received: For it is too common a Trick of the Devil, on the Day that a Person has been at Communion, to fling some Stumbling-block in their Way, to raise them to Passion, or disturb their Peace, or draw them aside from their Devotions by worldly Distractions or Diversions; and therefore Christians must be upon their Guard on these Occasions, and, by Retirement, Recollection, and Prayer, give Time to the Grace which they have received to sink into their Souls, and take deep Root there. And let them remember that they have received this fresh Supply of Divine Grace, to the End that they may improve in every Christian Virtue, and especially in the Love of God, and may serve his Divine Majesty with a new Vigour and Fervour.



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